

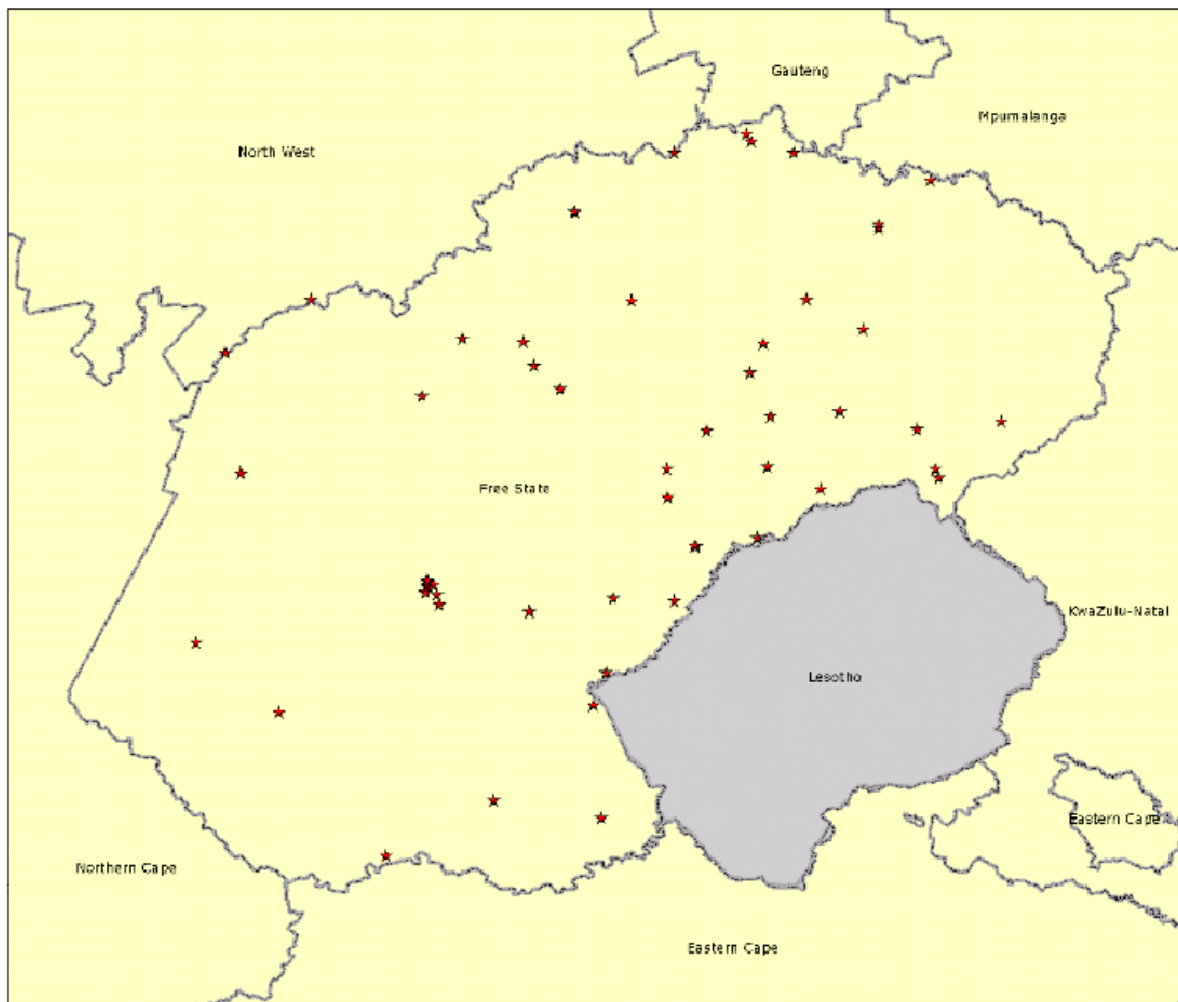
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## The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief Funded Activities in Free State Province

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# I. List of Acronyms

AB	Abstinence/ Be Faithful
ABC	A for abstinence (or delayed sexual initiation among youth), B for being faithful (or reduction in number of sexual partners), and C for correct and consistent condom use, especially for casual sexual activity and other high-risk situations
AED	Academy for Educational Development
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AIDS Relief	Consortium led by Catholic Relief Services
AIHA	American International Health Alliance
ANC	Antenatal Clinic
ARK	Absolute Return for Kids
ART	Antiretroviral treatment
ARV	Antiretroviral
BCC	Behavior Change Communication
BED	The laboratory assay that measures the concentration of HIV-specific antibody present in the leftover diagnostic serum.
BFHI	Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative
BU	Boston University
CADRE	Centre for AIDS Development, Research and Evaluation
CAPRISA	Centre for the AIDS Programme of Research in South Africa
CARE	Community AIDS Response
CAT	CAPRISA AIDS Treatment
CBO	Community Based Organization
CCFs	Child Care Forums
CD4	A large glycoprotein molecule found on the surface of T lymphocytes that serves as the receptor for HIV.
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CHBH	Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital
CHMT	Community Health Media Trust
CHPIP	Child Health Care Problem Identification Program
CPLs	Centers for Palliative Learning
CRISP	Child Responsive Integrated Support Project
CRS	Catholic Relief Services
CT	HIV Counseling and Testing
CTR	Contraceptive Technology Research Project
CU	Columbia University
CWSA	Child Welfare South Africa
DAC	District AIDS Council
DAI	Direct AIDS Intervention
DCS	Department of Correctional Services
DENOSA	Democratic Nurses Organization of South Africa
DFID	UK Department for International Development
DOD	Department of Defense
DOE	Department of Education
DOH	Department of Health
DOT	Directly Observed Treatment
DOTS	Directly Observed Treatment Short Course
DPSA	The Department of Public Service and Administration
DramAidE	Drama Aid Education
DSD	Department of Social Development
EC	Eastern Cape Province

ECCC	Eastern Cape Council of Churches
ECDOH	Eastern Cape Department of Health
ECRTC	Eastern Cape Regional Training Center
EGPAF	Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation
ETP	Expert Treatment Programme
ETR.Net	The Electronic TB Register
FBO	Faith Based Organization
FHI	Family Health International
FOSA	Friends of the Sick Association
FP	Family Planning
FPD	Foundation for Professional Development
FSDOH	Free State Department of Health
GBV	Gender Based Violence
GIS	Geographic Information System
GoLD	Generation of Leaders Discovered
GP	General Practitioner
HAART	Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy
HAW	Hands at Work in Africa
HBC	Home-Based Care
HCW	Health Care Workers
HEAIDS	Higher Education HIV and AIDS Programme
HERU	Health Economics Research Unit – Wits Health Consortium
HFEU	Health Financing and Economic Unit
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HIVAN	Center for HIV/AIDS Networking
HIVSA	HIV South Africa
HMIS	Health Management Information System
HPCA	Hospice and Palliative Care Association
HSPH	Harvard School of Public Health
HSRC	Human Sciences Research Council
HWSA	Hope Worldwide South Africa
IEC	Information, Education and Communication
INH	Isoniazid
IPHC	Integrated Primary Health Care
IT	Information Technology
I-TECH	International Training and Education Center for HIV
IYCF	Infant and Young Children Feeding
IYD	Institute for Youth Development
IYD-SA	Institute for Youth Development South Africa
JEAPP	Joint Economics, AIDS and Poverty Program
JHPIEGO	A non-profit organization affiliated with Johns Hopkins University
JHUCCP	John Hopkins University Center for Communications Program
JSI	John Snow Inc
KAP	Knowledge/Attitudes/Practice
KZN	KwaZulu-Natal
KZNDOH	KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health
LP	Limpopo Province
LSA	Local Service Area
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MAP	Men as Partners
MARPs	Most At Risk Populations
MCWH	Maternal, Child and Women's Health
MMIS	Making Medical Injections Safer

MP	Mpumalanga Province
MRC	Medical Research Council
MSH	Management Science for Health
MSPH	Mailman School of Public Health
MSU	Mobile Service Unit
NAPWA	National Association of People Living with HIV/AIDS
NASTAD	National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors
NCDOH	Northern Cape Department of Health
NDCS	National Department of Correctional Services
NDOE	National Department of Education
NDOH	National Department of Health
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NHIS	National Health Interview Survey
NHLS	National Health Laboratory Service
NICD	National Institute for Communicable Diseases
NMCF	Nelson Mandela Children's Fund
NMMU	Nelson Mandela Metropole University
NMSM	Nelson Mandela School of Medicine
NOAH	Nurturing Orphans of AIDS for Humanity
NTBRL	National TB Reference Laboratory
NTCP	National Tuberculosis Control Program
NVP	Nevirapine
NWP	North West Province
OI	Opportunistic Infection
OVC	Orphans and Vulnerable Children
PACCA	Provincial Action Committee for Children Affected by HIV & AIDS
PCR	Polymerase Chain Reaction
PDOH	Provincial Departments of Health
PEP	Post-Exposure HIV Prophylaxis
PHC	Primary Health Care
PHEs	Peer Health Educators
PHRU	Perinatal HIV Research Unit
PLWHA	People Living with HIV/AIDS
PMTCT	Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission
PPIP	Perinatal Problem Identification Programme
PSA-SA	Project Support Association South Africa
PSI	Population Services International
QA	Quality Assurance
QAP	Quality Assurance Project
RADAR	Rural AIDS and Development Action Research Program
RAPCAN	Resources for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect
REP	CDC's Replication Project
RFI	Road Freight Industry
RH	Reproductive Health
RHRU	Reproductive Health Research Unit
RPMPPlus	Rational Pharmaceutical Management Plus
RTC	Regional Training Center
SA	South Africa
SABC	South African Broadcasting Corporation
SACBC	South African Catholic Bishops Conference
SACC	South African Council of Churches
SACTWU	South African Clothing and Textile Workers' Union
SAG	South African Government
SAHA	Social Aspects of HIV/AIDS

SAMA	South African Medical Association
SAMHS	South African Military Health Service
SANAC	South African National AIDS Council
SANBS	South African National Blood Service
SANCCW	South African National Council of Child and Family Welfare
SANDF	South African National Defense Force
SAPESI	South African Peer Education Support Institute
SAPS	South African Police Services
SAQA	South African Qualifications Authority
SCUK	Save The Children – UK
SCV	Service Corps Volunteer (Africare)
SMEs	Small to Medium Enterprises
STAT	Secure Technology Advancing Treatment
STGs	Standard Treatment Guidelines
STI	Sexually Transmitted Infection
STIRC	Sexually Transmitted Infection Reference Centre
TA	Technical Assistance
TASC	Technical Assistance Service Contract
TB	Tuberculosis
TCC	Thuthuzela Care Centers
TCE	Total Control of the Epidemic
TIMS	Training Information Management Software
UCSD	University of California – San Diego
UKZN	University of KwaZulu-Natal
UNISA	University of South Africa
UNAIDS	United Nations AIDS Program
UNICEF	United Nations Children Fund
URC	University Research Corporation
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USG	United States Government
VSL	Voluntary Savings and Loan Model
WAHR	Women at High Risk
WCP	Western Cape Province
WHO	World Health Organization
YFS	Youth Friendly Services
YWC	Young Workers’ Campaign

## II. The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief

In close coordination with the South African Government (SAG), the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (Emergency Plan) has been initiated in South Africa with more than 300 partners including many South African Government agencies. This joint effort was endorsed at a meeting between President Mbeki and President Bush in July 2003, and confirmed at their meeting in 2005. The collaborative framework was established at a meeting in October 2003 between Minister of Health Manto Tshabalala-Msimang and Ambassador Randall Tobias, the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator. The Minister asked that the Emergency Plan support efforts in all the provinces within both the public and private sector, and that there be regular consultation with the National Government. The Minister also suggested that the program work with various national government departments and provincial health departments.

A cardinal principle of this effort is that all Emergency Plan supported activities must be implemented in accord with the policies and guidelines of the SAG. Therefore, all Emergency Plan activities in South Africa support implementation of the SAG's *Operational Plan for Comprehensive HIV and AIDS Care, Management and Treatment, April 2003-March 2008 (Comprehensive Plan)*. In addition, private sector partners work with governmental health authorities at all levels.

Within this context, the Emergency Plan provided \$89 million in 2004 and \$148 million in 2005 for programs in South Africa. In 2006, approximately \$221 million is expected to be obligated to support programs in South Africa. Of this amount, two-thirds will be provided to SAG and local private sector organizations and the remainder will be awarded to international organizations with local partners engaged in program implementation. The SAG agencies that will receive funding or program support in 2006 include the Department of Health, the Department of Defense, the Department of Correctional Services, the Department of Education, the Department of Justice, the Department of Social Development, and the Department of Provincial and Local Government. The National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD), the South African National Blood Service (SANBS), and several Provincial Health Departments also receive support from the program. Emergency Plan projects are located in all nine provinces and target activities that address South African priorities in HIV prevention, care and treatment.

In implementing the program, new partners have been solicited, reviewed and approved in South Africa through a transparent competitive process involving expert review panels, which have included representatives of the USG, the SAG and the South African academic community. Simultaneously, competitive solicitations for programs that operate in multiple countries have been conducted in the United States. When these involve potential efforts in South Africa, a separate review is conducted in South Africa involving the South Africa-U.S. Joint Consultation Group, and projects jointly approved are endorsed for implementation in South Africa.

The Emergency Plan strongly supports the development and enhancement of the South African public health system. All Emergency Plan partners are encouraged to build public health service delivery capacity, to assure the improvement of quality of care and to plan for program sustainability. The Emergency Plan contributes to service delivery in partnership with the SAG and a broad range of implementing organizations. In most cases, the SAG, the private sector and other donors contribute directly to projects that also receive Emergency Plan support. Therefore, the achievements of Emergency Plan-supported projects also can and should be attributed to the efforts of the SAG and many other program supporters.

In Free State Province, the Emergency Plan provides funding to 31 partners that implement activities in facilities and communities throughout the province. These partners and USG officials engaged in the Emergency Plan have assured coordination with local and provincial health officials to support effective implementation. In addition to projects directly implemented in the province, Free State Province benefits from the work of 20 Emergency Plan partners implementing projects that function at the national level to provide benefits throughout the country.

The information provided in this report is a summary of activities being carried out by Emergency Plan partners during 2006 in support of the SAG's Comprehensive Plan. Additional information about the Comprehensive Plan can be found on <http://www.doh.gov.za/aids/index.html>. Further information about the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief is provided on the following U.S. Government web sites: <http://www.state.gov/s/gac> (Global AIDS activities) or <http://pepfar.pretoria.usembassy.gov> (South Africa activities).



### III. Summary of Funded Projects in 2006: Free State

#### *A. Partners Implementing Projects in Free State*

Implementing Partners	Programmatic Area	Initiation of USG Funding	Government Linkages
Academy for Educational Development: Community-Based VCT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CT</li> </ul>	2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Department of Health</li> <li>Provincial Departments of Health (all Provinces)</li> </ul>
Academy for Educational Development: Linkages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PMTCT</li> <li>Strategic Information</li> </ul>	2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Department of Health</li> <li>Provincial Departments of Health (all Provinces)</li> </ul>
American Center for International Labor Solidarity (Solidarity Center)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HIV Prevention</li> <li>CT</li> <li>HIV Treatment</li> <li>Systems Strengthening</li> </ul>	2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Departments of Health and Education</li> </ul>
Aurum Institute for Health Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CT</li> <li>HIV Care</li> <li>TB/HIV</li> <li>HIV Treatment</li> </ul>	2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provincial Departments of Health in Eastern Cape and Gauteng</li> <li>North West Province Southern District Health Office</li> </ul>
Care - USA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OVC</li> </ul>	2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provincial Departments of Social Development in Free State and Limpopo</li> </ul>
Catholic Relief Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HIV Care</li> <li>Treatment</li> </ul>	2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provincial Departments of Health in Eastern Cape, Free State, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, North West and Northern Cape</li> </ul>
Child Welfare South Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OVC</li> </ul>	2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Department of Social Development</li> </ul>
Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PMTCT</li> <li>HIV Care</li> <li>HIV Treatment</li> </ul>	2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Department of Health</li> <li>Provincial Departments of Health in Free State, KwaZulu-Natal and Mpumalanga</li> </ul>
Family Health International: CTR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PMTCT</li> <li>CT</li> <li>HIV Care</li> <li>HIV Treatment</li> </ul>	2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Department of Health</li> <li>Provincial Departments of Health and Social Development in Free State, Mpumalanga, North West, KwaZulu-Natal and Limpopo</li> </ul>
Family Health International: Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OVC</li> </ul>	2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Department of Social Development</li> </ul>
Foundation for Professional Development (FPD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HIV Treatment</li> <li>Strategic Information</li> </ul>	2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Departments of Health and Correctional Services</li> <li>Provincial Departments of Health in Gauteng and North West</li> </ul>
Fresh Ministries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prevention</li> </ul>	2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provincial Departments of Education (all Provinces)</li> </ul>
Higher Education HIV/AIDS Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CT</li> </ul>	2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Department of Health</li> </ul>
HIVCARE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HIV Treatment</li> </ul>	2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Free State Provincial Department of Health</li> </ul>

<b>Implementing Partners</b>	<b>Programmatic Area</b>	<b>Initiation of USG Funding</b>	<b>Government Linkages</b>
Hospice & Palliative Care Assn of SA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIV Care</li> </ul>	2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Department of Health</li> </ul>
John Snow, Inc, (JSI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIV Prevention</li> <li>• HIV Treatment</li> </ul>	2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Department of Health</li> <li>• Provincial Departments of Health (all provinces)</li> </ul>
Johns Hopkins University Health Communication Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIV Prevention</li> <li>• OVC</li> <li>• CT</li> <li>• HIV Treatment</li> <li>• Strategic Information</li> </ul>	2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Department of Health</li> </ul>
Management Sciences for Health: RPMPlus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIV Treatment</li> </ul>	2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Department of Health</li> <li>• Provincial Departments of Health (all provinces)</li> </ul>
National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Systems Strengthening</li> </ul>	2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provincial Departments of Health in Eastern Cape, Free State and Western Cape</li> </ul>
National Department of Correctional Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIV Prevention</li> <li>• CT</li> <li>• HIV Care</li> <li>• HIV Treatment</li> <li>• Strategic Information</li> </ul>	2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Department of Correctional Services</li> <li>• National Department of Health</li> </ul>
National Department of Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIV Prevention</li> </ul>	2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Department of Education</li> </ul>
National Department of Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIV Prevention</li> <li>• CT</li> </ul>	2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Department of Justice</li> </ul>
National Health Laboratory Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PMTCT</li> <li>• HIV Prevention</li> <li>• CT</li> </ul>	2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Department of Health</li> </ul>
Population Council / Horizons: Promotion of Pediatric HIV/AIDS Treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIV Treatment</li> </ul>	2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Department of Health</li> </ul>
Salvation Army World Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIV Prevention</li> <li>• OVC</li> <li>• HIV Care</li> </ul>	2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Departments of Health and Social Development</li> </ul>
Save the Children UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OVC</li> </ul>	2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Department of Social Development</li> <li>• Provincial Departments of Social Development in Free State and Limpopo</li> </ul>
South African National Blood Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIV Prevention</li> </ul>	2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Departments of Health and Education</li> </ul>
South African National Defence Force: Masibambisane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIV Prevention</li> <li>• CT</li> <li>• OVC</li> <li>• HIV Care</li> <li>• HIV Treatment</li> <li>• Strategic Information</li> </ul>	2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South African National Defence Force</li> </ul>

<b>Implementing Partners</b>	<b>Programmatic Area</b>	<b>Initiation of USG Funding</b>	<b>Government Linkages</b>
Starfish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OVC</li> </ul>	2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Department of Social Development</li> </ul>
University of KZN / Natal University for Health: PMTCT Strategic Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic Information</li> </ul>	2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Department of Health</li> </ul>
US Dept State: Small Grants Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIV Prevention</li> <li>• OVC</li> <li>• HIV Care</li> </ul>	2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each Small Grant recipient works with local government authorities, as appropriate.</li> </ul>

## ***B. Partners Implementing Projects with Nation-wide Scope***

<b>Implementing Partners</b>	<b>Programmatic Area</b>	<b>Initiation of USG Funding</b>	<b>Government Linkages</b>
Association of Schools of Public Health / Harvard School of Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIV Prevention</li> <li>• Systems Strengthening</li> </ul>	2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National and Provincial Departments of Health and Education</li> <li>• National Departments of Social Development and Correctional Services</li> <li>• South African Police Services</li> </ul>
Boston University Center for International Health and Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIV Treatment</li> </ul>	2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Department of Health</li> </ul>
Cinema Corporate Creations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PMTCT</li> </ul>	2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Department of Health</li> </ul>
Dira Sengwe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Systems Strengthening</li> </ul>	2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Applicable (Conference Organizer)</li> </ul>
IBM/Joint Economic AIDS and Poverty Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OVC</li> </ul>	2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Department of Social Development</li> </ul>
JHPIEGO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TB/HIV</li> <li>• HIV Treatment</li> <li>• Strategic Information</li> </ul>	2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Department of Health</li> </ul>
Kagiso	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PMTCT</li> </ul>	2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Department of Health</li> </ul>
Leonie Selven Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PMTCT</li> </ul>	2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Department of Health</li> </ul>
Medical Research Council (MRC): HIV Prevention in Shebeens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIV Prevention</li> </ul>	2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Project: Government linkages to be determined.</li> </ul>
National Department of Health: CDC Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PMTCT</li> <li>• HIV Prevention</li> <li>• CT</li> <li>• TB/HIV</li> <li>• HIV Treatment</li> <li>• Strategic Information</li> </ul>	1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Department of Health</li> <li>• Provincial Departments of Health in all provinces</li> </ul>
National Department of Health: Cooperative Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIV Prevention</li> <li>• Strategic Information</li> </ul>	2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Department of Health</li> <li>• Provincial Departments of Health in all provinces</li> </ul>
National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laboratory Infrastructure</li> <li>• Strategic Information</li> </ul>	2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Department of Health</li> </ul>
Population Council / Frontiers: Post-Rape Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIV Prevention</li> </ul>	2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limpopo Provincial Department of Health</li> </ul>
Population Council / Horizons: OVC and TB/HIV Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OVC</li> <li>• TB/HIV</li> </ul>	2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Departments of Health and Social Development</li> </ul>
Soul City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIV Prevention</li> <li>• HIV Treatment</li> </ul>	2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Departments of Health and Education</li> <li>• Department of Public Service Administration</li> </ul>

<b>Implementing Partners</b>	<b>Programmatic Area</b>	<b>Initiation of USG Funding</b>	<b>Government Linkages</b>
The Futures Group: Policy Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIV Prevention</li> <li>• HIV Care</li> <li>• Strategic Information</li> <li>• Systems Strengthening</li> </ul>	2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Department of Health</li> </ul>
University of North Carolina: Measure Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OVC</li> <li>• Strategic Information</li> </ul>	2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Departments of Health and Social Development</li> </ul>
University of Pretoria: MRC Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic Information</li> </ul>	2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Department of Health</li> </ul>
University Research Corporation: Increasing Access to CT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CT</li> </ul>	2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Department of Health</li> </ul>
US Agency for International Development: Support for the National Department of Social Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OVC</li> </ul>	2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Department of Social Development</li> </ul>
US Centers for Disease Control: HIV Services for STI Patients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PMTCT</li> <li>• HIV Prevention</li> <li>• CT</li> </ul>	2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Department of Health</li> </ul>

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## ***A. Partners Implementing Projects in Free State***

### **Academy for Educational Development: Community-Based VCT**

#### ***Program Areas:***

- HIV Counseling and Testing

#### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2004

#### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Health
- Provincial Departments of Health

#### ***Provinces:***

- All Provinces

#### **SUMMARY:**

Through the Community Based Voluntary Counseling and Testing (CT) Program, Academy for Educational Development (AED) will work in all nine provinces of South Africa to increase the availability, access and utilization of CT; develop the capacity of NGOs in CT provision; support NGO staff to improve delivery of CT; implement national level systems; and roll out national programmatic procedural recommendation for use by NGOs providing non-medical testing. AED implements activities in eight communities in Free State, in close collaboration with the National and Provincial Departments of Health. *Note that due to a funding delay, these activities will take place in 2006 using 2005 funding.*

#### **HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING:**

AED's program includes five components: Rapid Assessments; NGO Training; Programmatic Recommendations; Rapid Test Kit Procurement; and the development of a Comprehensive Referral Network.

- **Rapid Assessments:** This activity provides a rapid assessment of NGOs providing CT to evaluate services and identify capacity building needs. The project has completed the assessment of 80 NGOs and is using this data to develop the training, capacity building and technical assistance AED is providing. This activity is close to completion. Very few assessments are anticipated in 2006 unless new NGOs join the program and require full assessments prior to involvement.
- **NGO Training:** This activity provides training to NGO personnel providing CT services in: risk reduction, CT, rapid test procedures, data collection, monitoring and evaluation, quality assurance, commodity procurement, and logistics management. The training component of this activity is close to completion; in 2006 AED will emphasize training follow up – specifically technical assistance to each NGO.
- **Programmatic Recommendations:** The Project is reviewing current toolkits and procedural recommendations and consulting with stakeholders as to the appropriate options which would be most useful and applicable to NGOs with whom AED works.
- **Rapid Test Kit Procurement:** The Project has developed a procurement plan and tools, and analyzed the needs of the NGOs for supplemental rapid test kits.
- **Referral Network:** Funding of this activity will support the development of linkages between service providers offering various complementary services in order to increase efficiency and coverage of prevention, care and treatment of people affected by



HIV/AIDS. Referrals will include coordination between reproductive health services, microcredit and nutrition programs.

## **Academy for Educational Development: Linkages**

### ***Program Areas:***

- PMTCT
- Strategic Information

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2004

### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Health (Nutrition, Maternal Child and Women's Health, and HIV Directorates)
- Provincial Departments of Health

### ***Provinces:***

- All Provinces

## **SUMMARY:**

Academy for Educational Development (AED)/LINKAGES will use Emergency Plan funding to support integration of maternal nutrition and Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) in the context of HIV into health care and community services through three components: training of health care providers and community health workers from all nine provinces; assistance for implementation of integrated model in two districts of KwaZulu-Natal and one district in North West, Mpumalanga and Eastern Cape; and provision of support to enhance public awareness on the importance of maternal nutrition and IYCF in PMTCT. These activities have been requested by the National Department of Health. In Free State, AED/Linkages implements training activities in collaboration with the National and Provincial Departments of Health.

## **BACKGROUND:**

This is an ongoing AED/LINKAGES project initiated in 2004 with Emergency Plan funding. The first activity was the development of guidelines on nutrition for pregnant and lactating women and IYCF in the context of HIV and AIDS. AED/LINKAGES has been working in collaboration with the NDOH and local NGOs to build health workers' capacity to integrate these nutrition guidelines into existing health care and community services and enhance public awareness of the importance of improved nutrition for HIV-positive women in general and pregnant and lactating women in particular and IYCF counseling as an important aspect in PMTCT.

## **PMTCT:**

AED will provide technical assistance to National, Provincial and District Departments of Health and selected NGOs and FBOs to increase capacity to integrate counseling on maternal nutrition and IYCF and safe practices in PMTCT into existing health care and community services. In addition, AED/LINKAGES will provide technical assistance to develop capacity to include the integrated program into existing professional development curricula of nurses and dietitians, training trainers from these institutions from nine provinces.

**STRATEGIC INFORMATION:**

Emergency Plan funds allocated to Strategic Information are for the provision of technical assistance to DOH at the national and provincial levels to harmonize existing guidelines and indicators on maternal nutrition, PMTCT and IYCF. The project will assist partner NGOs to develop monitoring and evaluation plans that reflect the national guidelines.

**American Center for International Labor Solidarity (Solidarity Center)*****Program Areas:***

- HIV Prevention
- HIV Counseling and Testing
- HIV Treatment
- Systems Strengthening

***Project Initiation:***

- 2002

***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Health
- National Department of Education

***Provinces:***

- Eastern Cape
- Free State
- Gauteng
- KwaZulu-Natal
- Mpumalanga
- Western Cape

**SUMMARY:**

Solidarity Center will continue its work in support of union- and workplace-based programs in HIV prevention, care and treatment, and to enhance programs to strengthen HIV-related policy-making. Solidarity implements activities in more than 30 sites and is linked with nearly 100 private physicians through partner organizations. Solidarity implements Emergency Plan-funded activities in six provinces (Eastern Cape, Free State, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Western Cape and Mpumalanga), in collaboration with the National Departments of Health and Education.

**HIV PREVENTION:**

For the past three years, Solidarity Center has provided financial and technical assistance to the HIV/AIDS prevention education efforts of trade unions as they work to reduce the level of HIV transmission among their members, respond effectively to HIV-related issues in the workplace and public areas, and contribute to HIV prevention and care efforts in workers' communities. Emergency Plan funds will provide continued support to the prevention education programs of the Southern African Clothing and Textile Workers' Union (SACTWU), the four South African teachers union, and the Young Workers' Campaign, a lifeskills based education and leadership development program for young workers aged 20-34. Specific activities include:

- **SACTWU Workplace Program:** With funding from the Emergency Plan, SACTWU's workplace program has conducted training sessions for senior union leadership and employers on HIV/AIDS transmission, prevention and the impact of HIV/AIDS on the industry, with an emphasis on Abstinence/Being Faithful (AB). Shop stewards and workers in the clothing and textile factories will receive on-going training on peer counseling, peer education and home based care in the five geographical areas.
- **Young Workers' Campaign:** Solidarity Center will reach young workers within union structures and at the workplace (small and medium enterprises) through a year-long life skills based education and leadership development program with an emphasis on AB.
- **Prevention, Care and Treatment Access (PCTA) for SA Educators:** This program activity will be carried out in collaboration with four teacher's unions whose 7,500 trained school representatives will be trained to facilitate weekly discussion groups among teachers in the school workplace over a six-12 month period.
- **Emergency Plan funds will be used to increase access to condoms among SACTWU workers.** SACTWU will continue to distribute male and female condoms provided by the National Department of Health and the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Department of Health, respectively, to SACTWU workers.

### **HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING:**

Emergency Plan funds will provide continued support to the CT promotion and training activities of the Solidarity Center and provide access to five non-medical CT sites operated by the AIDS Project of SACTWU. In cooperation with the four South Africa teacher unions, funds will be used to train 7,500 teachers who will facilitate CT peer education for an additional 35,000 colleagues in a workplace program.

### **HIV TREATMENT: (Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal and Mpumalanga)**

Emergency Plan funds will be used in three targeted provinces (KwaZulu-Natal, Eastern Cape and Mpumalanga) to provide antiretroviral treatment (ART) and home-based adherence counseling to teachers and their spouses as part of the Prevention, Care and Treatment Access (PCTA) program for South African Educators. Specifically:

- Treatment will be provided through Tshepang Trust according to SAG treatment protocols, and will include pre-treatment counseling and the assignment of an adherence counselor. All physicians will have access to Specialist Provider backup, a centralized, specialist HIV and AIDS knowledge pool, structured through an efficient remote-medicine infrastructure network and administered through a contracted chronic disease management program.
- Tshepang Trust doctors will recruit 75 adherence counselors from community-based organizations that provide care and counseling, former nurses, PLWHA, church groups and others. Solidarity will provide the adherence counselors with a comprehensive four-day training course held in each of the three provinces. The training curriculum will include knowledge about the drug protocols and potential patient reactions, skills to use in negotiating adherence to the drug protocol, psychosocial counseling methods, as well as information on healthy living and stigma reduction.

### **SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING:**

Solidarity Center will use Emergency Plan funds to work with labor unions and labor service organizations to strengthen the capacity of the labor movement to develop HIV/AIDS policies and implement effective HIV/AIDS prevention education, care and treatment programs. Solidarity will continue to provide technical and financial support to strengthen the capacity of the three trade union federations to participate in the development of public policies and policies

within the union structures and at the workplace. Technical support and training will be provided via workshops on ways senior union leadership can mainstream HIV/AIDS issues into routine union activities. The Center also will provide support to the leadership of the three union federations as they develop workplace policies on HIV/AIDS.

Emergency Plan funds will be used to train and establish a mentorship program for Master Trainers from among seven major public and private health sector unions in South Africa. Master Trainers from these unions will be provided with technical and financial assistance to conduct HIV and AIDS prevention education programs for union members, senior union leadership and workplaces in the Eastern Cape, Western Cape, KwaZulu-Natal, Gauteng and Northern Cape provinces.

## **Aurum Institute for Health Research**

### ***Program Areas:***

- HIV Counseling and Testing
- HIV Care and Support
- TB/HIV
- HIV Treatment

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2004

### ***Government Linkages:***

- Eastern Cape Provincial Department of Health
- Gauteng Provincial Department of Health
- North West Province Southern District Health Office

### ***Provinces:***

- Eastern Cape
- Free State
- Gauteng
- KwaZulu-Natal
- Limpopo
- Mpumalanga
- Northern Cape
- North West

## **SUMMARY:**

Aurum Institute for Health Research (Aurum) will use 2006 Emergency Plan funding to continue an ongoing clinical program in HIV care and treatment, working through general practitioners and community clinics throughout the country, and to expand the program to three public hospitals in the Eastern Cape, North West and Gauteng provinces. The program is linked to workplace programs in eight provinces and provides HIV-related clinical care to dependents and partners of Anglo Group employees and Anglo Group contractors. The program is integrated with Aurum's longstanding workplace programs providing care to mining employees, and with ongoing patient education and awareness programs at Aurum clinical research sites.

Aurum will implement activities in Bophelong Medical Centre collaboration with the Provincial Department of Health.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Aurum is a mining industry-founded health organization affiliated with Anglo American. Through this innovative public-private partnership, Aurum uses Emergency Plan funds to expand services to dependents and partners of Anglo Group employees and Anglo Group contractors, and to strengthen service delivery for the broader general population through partnerships with general practitioners and public facilities. Aurum has significant experience in the field of HIV/TB, operating at delivery sites throughout South Africa, and provides management support for a number of Anglo-funded workplace programs that provide health services to Anglo employees. Aurum's Emergency Plan-funded program started with training of staff in November 2004. Patient recruitment started in March 2005.

- **General Practitioners:** Aurum will use 2006 Emergency Plan funding to continue an ongoing clinical program that includes prevention and diagnosis of opportunistic infections, patient referrals for treatment, and assessment of patient eligibility for antiretroviral treatment (ART). This program works through general practitioners in each targeted community to provide HIV counseling and testing, HIV care and ART. With the current shortage of medical professionals in the country, general practitioners are an important means to provision of HIV services to the large numbers that require it, and are a promising avenue for delivery of quality care to HIV-infected populations. Aurum provides significant clinical training that benefits the entire community. Practitioners will be monitored and supported by telephone and through site visits. The practitioners also will have access to a 24-hour helpline for clinical support and quarterly training sessions.
- **Community Clinics:** Aurum is also developing community clinics in resource-poor areas. This aspect of the program currently targets areas where health education and awareness activities are already in place through Aurum's clinical research activities, including the Medical Research Council's (MRC) clinical trial sites in KwaZulu-Natal and an HIV vaccine trial site in the North West Province.
- **Public Facilities:** In a new activity that will begin in 2006, Aurum will work with managers at three public facilities to provide training, data management support and additional human resources to enhance the national ARV rollout program. Sites will include Tshepong Hospital in the North West Province, Madwaleni Hospital in the Eastern Cape, and Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto (Gauteng Province). In the three sites in the public sector program, Aurum will train nurses in HIV counseling and testing, HIV care and treatment. This training will continue as needed. At Tshepong Hospital, Aurum will provide human resources and data management, as well as training support. At Madwaleni Hospital, Aurum plans to provide patient transport for poor and underserved patients, data management, human resources and training support. At Baragwanath Hospital, Aurum support will take the form of staff training and data management.

## **HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING:**

Counseling and Testing (CT) is the entry point to a package of HIV care services that includes medicines to prevent opportunistic infections and the provision of antiretroviral treatment (ART). The program is integrated with Aurum workplace programs and with patient education and awareness programs for HIV microbicide and vaccine trials. In Hillbrow the program is integrated with a palliative care, housing and education program. The CT activity has three main components: (1) To supply enrolled sites with CT kits when supplies of kits provided by the SAG run out; (2) to provide CT services in stand-alone sites providing CT services on their own

or providing the services as part of the package of HIV care; and (3) to provide training to all staff members providing CT at enrolled sites. In the Caritas Care site, for example, the CT program started in 2004 and is mainly a community outreach program that has been funded by the SAG. Emergency Plan funds have been used at this site since July 2005 to expand the SAG project and to continue services when the SAG supply runs out. In four other General Practitioner sites the program started in July 2005 and is wholly funded by the Emergency Plan. Training of staff at other sites has started and is expected to continue in all 90 anticipated sites.

#### **HIV CARE AND SUPPORT:**

HIV Care and Support activities are implemented through the innovative program with general practitioners and Community Clinics, as described above. Emergency Plan funds will be used for staffing and staff training, and to purchase, procure, store and distribute pharmaceuticals, diagnostic and medical equipment, medical commodities and supplies.

#### **TB/HIV:**

TB/HIV activities are implemented through the innovative program with general practitioners and the Community Clinics. Specific areas in which Emergency Plan funding will be used include the purchase, procurement, storage and distribution of pharmaceuticals; the review and dissemination of guidelines and protocols for the program; site visits for monitoring for adherence to the standards; and reporting on the progress and training of staff involved in the care of people infected with HIV.

#### **HIV TREATMENT:**

HIV treatment activities have been implemented primarily through the innovative program with general practitioners, described above. In the three sites in the public sector program, Aurum will train at least 12 nurses, with continued training as needed. At Tshepong Hospital, Aurum will provide human resources and data management, as well as training support. At Madwaleni Hospital, Aurum plans to provide patient transport for poor and underserved patients, data management, human resources and training support. At Baragwanath Hospital, Aurum support will take the form of staff training and data management.

### **CARE-USA: Local Links**

#### ***Program Areas:***

- Support for Orphans and Vulnerable Children

#### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2005

#### ***Government Linkages:***

- Limpopo Provincial Department of Social Development
- Free State Provincial Department of Social Development

#### ***Provinces:***

- Free State
- Limpopo

## **SUMMARY:**

CARE's Local Links project provides support to OVC and strengthens family units affected by HIV/AIDS. Local Links works through locally based partners to stimulate and support the use of locally available resources (human, economic and knowledge systems) for the well being and protection of these vulnerable groups. Local Links will continue to implement in two districts of the Free State and Limpopo provinces, working with 10 -14 sub-partners. CARE will continue to work with and provide technical support to implementing partners to strengthen the child-centered approach in their activities, and provide innovative and comprehensive services to OVC. CARE implements activities in three districts in Free State in collaboration with the Provincial Department of Social Development.

## **SUPPORT FOR ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN:**

Activities focus on (1) establishing economic security for OVC and their families through the voluntary savings and loan model (VSL); (2) strengthening institutional capacity of local organizations to provide a range of innovative OVC services and (3) promoting advocacy efforts that are sensitive to the voices of OVC.

- **Voluntary Savings and Loans (VSL):** The VSL is an entry point to strengthen vulnerable families and communities using a group savings and internal lending model that creates a base for economic security for vulnerable families. Usually, a VSL group has a minimum of six members who have been trained. Groups meet monthly for saving and internal lending; the loans are circulated among group members based on individual emergency needs, which usually are medication, transport to health service, school fees and uniforms for children, food and shelter for families, etc. In addition to economic security, VSL members use the groups as a social safety net and as a support structure that helps them to cope with family stresses including death. For the first 6 months each group is monitored by CARE field staff and gradually there is a reduction of support, to allow for group independence. When VSL members have met their basic needs, CARE facilitates training in income generation activities.
- **Institutional Capacity Development:** CARE supports local partners in developing OVC programs. These partners reach OVC and PLWHA through home-based care (inclusive of children); counseling (psychological or spiritual); children's support groups; referrals for social grants; legal documentation; after school care centers which provide homework supervision and recreational activities; health services; nutrition and food security; ensuring access to education; participation in cultural activities; and community-based child safety nets. These services are primarily delivered through women volunteers from the community, many of whom are vulnerable themselves. CARE will ensure that volunteers have economic security (for example, participation in VSL activities), facilitate access to government stipends, and provide for ongoing debriefing on managing the burden of care (care for the caregivers).
- **Advocacy Promotion:** Children carry an intense burden in caring for sick adults, fear of stigma and discrimination, and difficulty in accessing essential services. In the next year CARE will strengthen the capacity of implementing partners to intensify the focus on issues of stigma and discrimination; legal frameworks for OVC; accessing education services (exemptions from school fees and accessing of text books); and accessing government social grants and essential services. CARE also will strengthen child care forums (CCF) to ensure partnerships and linkages between government and local organizations to leverage essential services and resources. CARE also will continue to actively participate in relevant OVC policy forums with the government.

## **Catholic Relief Services: AIDSRelief**

### ***Program Areas:***

- HIV Care and Support
- HIV Treatment

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2004

### ***Government Linkages:***

- Provincial Departments of Health of Eastern Cape, Free State, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, North West and Northern Cape

### ***Provinces:***

- Eastern Cape
- Free State
- Gauteng
- KwaZulu-Natal
- Limpopo
- Mpumalanga
- Northern Cape
- North West

### **SUMMARY:**

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) implements an integrated service delivery program using a strong home-based care model to provide HIV Care and Support and ARV Treatment in seven provinces. CRS implements activities in 24 sites in Eastern Cape, Free State, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo, Mpumalanga and North West Provinces, in close collaboration with the Provincial Departments of Health, and in 2006 will expand to two new sites in Northern Cape.

### **BACKGROUND:**

AIDSRelief (the Consortium led by CRS) received an Emergency Plan central funding in 2004 to rapidly scale up antiretroviral therapy in nine countries, including South Africa. In 2005, local USG Mission funding was received to support an expansion of service delivery. The activity is implemented through two major in-country partners, Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference (SACBC) and the Institute for Youth Development South Africa (IYD-SA), that provide care and treatment services; and the Futures Group, which provides support for Strategic Information (SI) activities -- reporting to the US Government at the central level and assisting selected sites with their IT infrastructure.

### **ACTIVITIES:**

With funding provided in 2006 AIDSRelief will continue implementing the activities in support of the South African national ARV rollout. All activities will continue to be implemented in close collaboration with the NDOH HIV/AIDS Unit and the respective provincial authorities to ensure coordination and information sharing, and successful integration of AIDSRelief activities into those implemented by the SAG.



Utilizing technical assistance from AIDSRelief staff members and South African experts, CRS will provide ongoing support and guidance to existing sites in the form of appropriate refresher medical training courses, patient tracking and reporting, monitoring and evaluation mechanisms and other necessary support. In addition, CRS will initiate two new sites in Northern Cape, providing all necessary training to medical and support staff and improving infrastructure and monitoring and evaluation systems as necessary.

#### **HIV CARE AND SUPPORT:**

Activities are implemented to support provision of palliative care under the comprehensive antiretroviral treatment (ART) program carried out by CRS in 24 field sites. Basic palliative care services will be provided to patients through clinic-based and home-/community-based activities aimed at optimizing quality of life for HIV-infected clients and their families throughout the continuum of illness, by means of symptom diagnosis and relief; psychological and spiritual support; clinical monitoring, related laboratory services and management of opportunistic infections (including TB) and other HIV/AIDS-related complications (including pharmaceuticals); and culturally-suitable and religiously-appropriate end-of-life care. Basic health care and support also includes social and material support and training and support of caregivers (who in most cases are volunteers). Field sites managed by SACBC provide a vast range of services, from basic (home-based care) palliative support, to in-house, facility-based beds and full palliative care services, depending on the specifics of each site. IYD-SA also provides a range of palliative care services, from referral to other SA Government clinics in the area, to home-based carers who provide compassionate and valuable services to palliative care patients.

#### **HIV TREATMENT:**

Antiretroviral treatment (ART) will be provided through CRS's 24 field sites to patients through clinic-based and home/community-based activities aimed at optimizing quality of life for HIV-infected clients and their families. All the relevant health care providers and administrative support staff at the sites will be trained to implement the ART program, using government-approved training curricula. Staff who have already received initial training will undergo refresher courses (either in-house or external), coupled with exchange of training courses and materials between sites with active support from the local training provider, Kimera training center. Treatment adherence training is provided to all patients who are enrolled on the ART program. In most sites home-based care networks will follow-up and support patients. Capacity-building activities carried out as part of the support for the treatment programs are designed to improve the point of service's capacity to implement the ART program in the long-term, including strengthening clinical, administrative, financial and strategic information systems. Each site also will develop its own community mobilization plan for the ART program and implement it in collaboration with relevant community organizations and leaders.

## **Child Welfare South Africa**

### ***Program Areas:***

- Support for Orphans and Vulnerable Children

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2005

### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Social Development

### ***Provinces:***

- All Provinces

### **SUMMARY:**

This project is being implemented at the request of the National Department of Social Development (DSD). Child Welfare South Africa (CWSA) will use Emergency Plan funds to facilitate the recruitment and training of community volunteers who work together in teams to identify and meet the needs of orphans, vulnerable children and HIV/AIDS affected households, and to uphold children's rights. CWSA currently implements Emergency Plan-funded activities in 21 communities across South Africa, in close collaboration with the National Department of Social Development.

### **BACKGROUND:**

HIV/AIDS and the Care of Children is a nationally driven and nationally co-coordinated program that facilitates community-based care and support to orphans and vulnerable children in under-serviced and disadvantaged communities via the comprehensive infrastructure and collective action of Child Welfare South Africa, its member organizations and trained groups of volunteers. Since 1992 the South African National Council for Child & Family Welfare (SANCCFW) now called Child Welfare South Africa (CWSA) has been exploring ways to manage the effects of HIV/AIDS on children, and to guide the response of Child Welfare to the pandemic. Program implementation began in August 2005, focusing predominantly on orphans and children aged 0-18 years made vulnerable due to HIV and AIDS.

### **SUPPORT FOR ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN:**

Key aspects of the program are that it is HIV/AIDS specific, consistent with CWSA policy on community-based care, aimed at prevention and early intervention, child-centered in approach and targets children and enforcing access for children, their caregivers and community volunteers through legal means. Through its project volunteers, this program gets community involvement in the identification and care of OVC, sensitizes communities to the rights of children and establishes foster care and safe homes. Volunteers are the foundation of the program, who through the support of Project Teams provide a comprehensive support system to OVC, their caretakers and families through regular home visits, assistance with access to education, grants, identity documents, food, housing, psychosocial support and alternate care placements when needed.

## **Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation (EGPAF)**

### ***Program Areas:***

- PMTCT
- HIV Care and Support
- HIV Treatment

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2003

### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Health
- KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Department of Health
- Mpumalanga Provincial Department of Health
- Free State Provincial Department of Health

### ***Provinces:***

- Free State
- KwaZulu-Natal
- Mpumalanga

### **SUMMARY:**

In 2006, EGPAF will use Emergency Plan funds to continue PMTCT support for its existing partners and to increase its geographic coverage to include direct support to provincial and district health departments. The key objective is to expand the coverage and increase the uptake of quality PMTCT services. EGPAF implements programs in KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) and Mpumalanga, and works on the national level with the National Department of Health to support its work in provincial PMTCT training and technical assistance. In 2006, EGPAF will begin working directly with the Free State Provincial Department of Health.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The long-term goal of EGPAF's Call to Action (CTA) program in South Africa is to decrease transmission of HIV from mother to child. USG support for the program was initiated in 2003, and support through the Emergency Plan continued in 2005 sustaining the public-private partnership with McCord Hospital in Durban.

### **PMTCT: (McCord Hospital, Durban)**

McCord PMTCT program uses a family-centered model encouraging couple counseling, providing partner testing and testing of other siblings, and uses the "Opt out" approach in the CT program. PCR testing is provided at six weeks for early infant diagnosis and thus improves HIV exposed infant testing and follow-up. The referral system between PMTCT and the wellness clinic or care and treatment services will be strengthened by offering routine CD4 testing to HIV-positive pregnant women and HIV-infected infants to identify those eligible for HAART. In addition, TB screening for HIV-positive pregnant women will be provided; complex ARV regimens depending on the clinical and immunological (CD4) staging will be offered; HIV/AIDS training will be given to local community groups (churches, youth organizations) to raise community awareness; and cotrimoxazole prophylaxis will be given to mothers and children.

**PMTCT: (KwaZulu-Natal and Mpumalanga)**

A cadre of mentor mothers (HIV-positive mothers) will be created to support the program activities and support pregnant women who have just learned their status with issues of stigma and disclosure. These mentor mothers will provide PMTCT-related group education and will assist in increasing uptake of testing and Nevirapine or referral for antiretroviral treatment (ART) for eligible pregnant women and HIV infected infants. Mentor mothers also will educate and encourage mothers to select the most appropriate feeding method and family planning methods. The mentor mothers will assist and support women in their choice to disclose their status, and they will assist in the post partum follow-up care of mothers and babies. Mentor mothers will ensure that patients are followed up at six weeks post delivery to receive PCR testing, cotrimoxazole prophylaxis and nutritional education. Lastly, mentor mothers will provide supplemental training as required to health care staff.

**PMTCT: (Free State Provincial Department of Health)**

Activities in Free State are still under discussion, but will focus on training and mentoring health care workers in advanced antiretroviral treatment (ART) service delivery. Needs and site assessments will be carried out to identify gaps and address needs such as human resources, infrastructure, training of health care workers, technical support, Monitoring and Evaluation and commodities, and to strengthen PMTCT services. Training in early infant diagnosis (PCR) will be given to improve follow-up of HIV exposed infants. CD4 testing of HIV-positive pregnant women and HIV-infected infants in the PMTCT program will be done, thus fast-tracking those eligible to care and treatment sites or wellness clinics. Lastly, comprehensive referral systems to care and treatment sites will be developed and mobile clinical teams will be established to provide ongoing clinical support and training at primary health care facilities providing PMTCT services.

**HIV CARE AND SUPPORT: (KwaZulu-Natal and Free State)**

EGPAF's HIV Care and Support program is comprised of three primary components:

- In 2006, EGPAF will continue its successful palliative care programs through the AIDS Healthcare Foundation's (AHF) Ithembalabantu Clinic Care and Treatment program in Durban, and expand its palliative care services by expanding the efforts of existing programs, enrolling new sub-partners, and supporting the efforts of government departments of health at the provincial and district levels (KZN and Free State). The major emphasis is on training.
- A second focus area is the development of an up or down referral system (outreach program), the main objective of which is to provide sustained comprehensive management of HIV-positive children and adults at the primary health care (PHC) level, with ongoing support from Ithembalabantu Clinic.
- EGPAF together with sub-partners will identify gaps/needs in the program at the individual site level and implement activities to address the needs through technical assistance, financial and in-kind support, and establishment of evaluation and monitoring of programs. EGPAF's intent is to facilitate the National/Provincial plans and work together to ultimately transition programs and patients to South Africa government support.

**HIV TREATMENT: (KwaZulu-Natal and Free State)**

EGPAF's HIV Treatment program is comprised of three primary components:

- EGPAF will continue to provide comprehensive HIV services by enhancing the capacity of the Ithembalabantu Clinic in Umlazi Township, Durban. Through the AHF Ithembalabantu Clinic family-centered model of care, EGPAF provides comprehensive antiretroviral treatment (ART) services by funding infrastructure improvements, and

training clinicians and other health care providers. Examinations, clinical monitoring and related laboratory services are offered to all HIV-infected adults and children.

Ithembalabantu Clinic has a highly effective treatment and adherence program that has resulted in outstanding sustained rates of therapy success. Integration of ART with other services occurs at the PHC level of service delivery including TB services.

- In 2006, EGPAF will focus on the development of an up or down referral system (outreach program) planned for Ithembalabantu and the surrounding primary health care (PHC) clinics. The main objective of the system is to provide sustained comprehensive management of HIV-positive children and adults at the PHC level, with ongoing support from Ithembalabantu. This will ensure increased uptake and accessibility for new patients to be enrolled/ initiated at the Ithembalabantu while the stable patients are cared for at the PHC level. It also will support systems to improve the access to pediatric care and treatment. EGPAF's intent is to facilitate the National/Provincial plans and work together to ultimately transition programs and patients to South Africa government support.
- New activities in 2006 will expand partnerships to the Free State and KZN Provincial Departments of Health. The program has maintained a focus on integrating PMTCT services so as to provide a family-centered model of care that includes access to treatment of pregnant mothers, partner testing and screening for TB. McCord Hospital, an FBO, and the Africa Centre, an NGO, are ongoing partnerships that will continue with 2006 funds. New partners include (1) two government Departments of Health (Free State and KwaZulu-Natal), and (2) the AIDS Healthcare Foundation's care and treatment program in Umlazi township in Durban, a high prevalence community.

## **Family Health International: CTR**

### ***Program Areas:***

- PMTCT
- HIV Counseling and Testing
- HIV Care and Support
- HIV Treatment

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2003

### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Health
- Provincial Departments of Health in Free State, Mpumalanga, North West, KwaZulu-Natal and Limpopo
- Provincial Departments of Social Development in Free State, Mpumalanga, North West, KwaZulu-Natal and Limpopo

**Provinces:**

- Free State
- KwaZulu-Natal
- Limpopo
- Mpumalanga
- North West

**SUMMARY:**

This project has two primary components. The first component is PMTCT, in which FHI, in collaboration with the Provincial Departments of Health in Mpumalanga, KwaZulu-Natal, Free State and North West provinces, will provide technical assistance to 30 PMTCT sites to apply lessons learned and best practices in PMTCT service delivery, with a specific focus on the integration of family planning (FP) services/referrals.

The second component is implemented primarily in Mpumalanga Province. FHI will expand access to integrated FP and HIV services for HIV-infected/affected individuals by enhancing home-based care (HBC) and palliative care (PC) programs and strengthening the linkages between HBC, PC, antiretroviral treatment (ART), FP and other essential services for comprehensive treatment, care and support. Some HIV Care and Support components also include activities in Limpopo province.

FHI implements activities in one site in Free State in collaboration with the Provincial Departments of Health and Social Development.

**PMTCT: (Free State, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, North West)**

In 2004, FHI in partnership with the National Department of Health undertook a targeted evaluation of the factors contributing to successful PMTCT services. The assessment revealed that even in high-performing sites, family planning was not adequately addressed. These findings are used to design site-specific technical assistance to apply lessons learned from integrating family planning services into PMTCT, and to strengthen the quality of PMTCT services at 30 sites in the four provinces.

FHI will design and implement the technical assistance in close collaboration with the provincial Departments of Health. The emphasis of the technical assistance will be on ensuring that family planning is integrated into the minimum package of PMTCT services. Advisors will work with program managers in developing key messages about family planning to be incorporated into pre- and post-test counseling, infant feeding counseling, and counseling offered during infant testing. It also will focus on strengthening linkages between PMTCT and family planning service delivery to increase the likelihood of successful follow-up when referrals are made.

Other areas of technical assistance will include: (1) Providing trainings or refresher trainings to strengthen lay counselors' and nurses' skills in PMTCT pre-/post-test counseling, including the provision of family planning (FP) services or information and referrals; (2) Identifying and strengthening data collection/health information systems necessary for monitoring PMTCT components at 30 sites; (3) Ensuring appropriate access to FP services for post-partum HIV-positive women on antiretroviral treatment (ART) by conducting six trainings for 60 nurses and doctors in PMTCT setting to counsel on safe and effective FP methods; (4) Providing supervision skills trainings to PMTCT doctors, administrators, and district and nursing supervisors to help support the minimal package of services; (5) Developing job aids and counselor tools for 30 PMTCT sites as needed; and (6) Informing PMTCT policy development within the four provinces.

### **HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING: (Mpumalanga)**

Family Health International (FHI) will expand access to integrated family planning (FP) and HIV services for infected/affected individuals in home-based care (HBC) programs by a) continuing to strengthen the linkages between HBC, antiretroviral treatment (ART) and FP services, b) expanding counseling and testing to HBC settings, and c) using a mobile support unit to provide HIV/FP services, including counseling and testing (CT), in underserved areas in Mpumalanga province. FHI and its partners also will utilize family planning clients and services as an entry point for HIV/AIDS related basic care, CT, and treatment referral.

With 2005 funds, FHI is creating functional referral mechanisms between 30 HBC, 40 FP and 20 ARV service programs in Mpumalanga to holistically meet the health care and treatment needs of over 40,000 HBC caregivers, clients and their families. This is being done through stakeholders meetings and referral skills workshops for all parties; TA on identifying FP, ARV, CT and HBC referral needs; the provision of CT in HBC settings; and provider tools to facilitate referrals.

In close collaboration with the Mpumalanga DOH, FHI will work with Project Support Association – South Africa (PSA-SA), South Africa Council of Churches (SACC), Right To Care (RTC) and other local partners to expand access to quality integrated FP and HIV services (including CT) for infected/affected individuals in Home Based Care programs by building on the 2005 project and by establishing a mobile service unit (MSU) to provide FP/HIV/CT services in underserved areas. Activities include: (1) Training and supervising one nurse and six HBC volunteers to conduct HIV testing in the households where HBC clients reside; (2) Training and equipping six MSU staff to serve three remote communities; and (3) Developing a Management Information System to collect service and referral data relating to the project. The data will be used to analyze the uptake and overall costs of integrated services and referrals from the HBC programs. All activities and ownership of the mobile service unit will eventually be transferred to local partners.

### **HIV CARE AND SUPPORT: (Mpumalanga and Limpopo)**

Since 2003 FHI has partnered with the Project Support Association South Africa (PSA-SA) home-based care (HBC) program to integrate family planning (FP) and their basic package of HIV/AIDS support services provided by volunteers in Mpumalanga province. With 2005 Emergency Plan funds, FHI is creating functional referral mechanisms between 30 HBC, 40 FP and 20 antiretroviral treatment (ART) service programs in Mpumalanga to holistically meet the health care and treatment needs of HBC caregivers, clients and their families. With 2006 funding, FHI will extend support to 30 PSA-SA and the South African Council of Churches (SACC) HBC sites to enhance their care program and tighten the linkages to and between FP and ART services. In close collaboration with local partners and government, FHI will expand access to integrated FP and HIV services for infected/affected individuals in HBC and palliative care (PC) programs through a continuation of select 2005 activities in Mpumalanga and Limpopo provinces. Specific activities will include:

- In Mpumalanga province: FHI will implement a holistic program to identify needs, build and strengthen referral networks, and train health care professionals and community HBC volunteers. In addition, as access to essential FP/HIV services is limited in remote areas of the province, FHI also will set up a mobile clinic to provide FP, sexually transmitted infection (STI) diagnosis/treatment, counseling and testing (CT), and ART services for HBC caregivers, clients and their families, and the surrounding communities.
- In Limpopo province: Based on needs assessments and specific requests from the provincial DOH, FHI will provide technical assistance, training and financial support to

district and community level services, including (1) support for two district-level PC services at one outpatient Specialist PC Clinic and one Wellness & Rehabilitation Center (pain and symptom assessment and management; psychosocial and spiritual needs of people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) and affected families; and FP/Reproductive Health (RH) counseling and commodities); (2) TA, training and salary support for four health care workers, 10 volunteers, eight CBOs, and 440 families and carers of PLWHA and OVC at the district level (one district); (3) development of standard operating procedures and guidelines in clinical care, and implement mechanisms for quality assurance in two PC sites.

### **HIV TREATMENT: (Mpumalanga)**

In close collaboration with the Mpumalanga DOH, Project Support Association-South Africa (PSA-SA), South African Council of Churches (SACC), Right to Care (RTC) and other local partners, FHI will expand access to quality integrated family planning (FP) and HIV services for infected and affected individuals in home-based care (HBC) programs through a continuation of current activities creating functional referral mechanisms between HBC, FP and antiretroviral treatment (ART) programs, and through the establishment of a mobile service unit (MSU) to provide FP, ART, counseling and testing (CT) and sexually transmitted infection (STI) services in rural, underserved areas. HIV Treatment activities include a significant training component, and focus on long-term sustainability through supportive supervision of newly trained staff. Activities include: (1) Training and supervising two professional nurses and four counselors to provide FP/ART/CT/STI for three remote communities; (2) Training HBC volunteers and conducting community outreach to improve referral mechanisms; (3) Strengthening referral networks between 40 DOH FP clinics, 20 DOH and NGO clinic ART providers, and 30 HBC programs sites through stakeholders meetings, referral workshops, provider tools and ongoing monitoring; and (4) Developing a Management Information System to collect service and referral data relating to the project. The data will be used to analyze the uptake and overall costs of integrated FP/CT/ART/STI services and referrals from the HBC programs. All activities and ownership of the mobile service unit will eventually be transferred to local partners.

## **Family Health International: Impact**

### ***Program Areas:***

- Support for Orphans and Vulnerable Children

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2006

### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Social Development

### ***Provinces:***

- Free State
- Gauteng
- KwaZulu-Natal
- Limpopo
- Mpumalanga



**SUMMARY:**

In collaboration with local FBOs and CBOs, Family Health International (FHI) will continue to rapidly scale-up and strengthen the South African Government's efforts to support and care for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) in 2006 by building local capacity and implementing innovative activities aimed at increasing coverage, improving quality of services, and filling gaps. FHI implements activities in 15 sites in Free State, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo and Mpumalanga, in collaboration with the National Department of Social Development.

**SUPPORT FOR ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN:**

FHI's main sub partner is the South African Catholic Bishop's Conference (SACBC). A significant portion of SACBC's funding under this project will be distributed to local CBOs and FBOs who will provide direct care and support services to 27,000 OVC over the next four years. The major components of the program are: 1) capacity building – both of SACBC and their rapid grant recipients; 2) collaboration and coordination with government and existing government programs for the provision of quality support to OVC; and 3) effective monitoring and evaluation (M&E).

- **Capacity Building:** FHI will build the capacity of SACBC by providing technical assistance to help strengthen their grant disbursement mechanism, to improve their overall technical knowledge and skills in OVC programming, and to increase their ability to effectively coordinate and sustain OVC programs of their member organizations. FHI also will work with SACBC to strengthen the capacity of their sub-grantees in project and financial management, OVC technical areas, and M&E to support quality OVC activities. This support will include training, supportive supervision and mentoring/twinning, and will provide the local partners with skills to set priorities/target services, expand coverage and improve quality of programs.
- **Collaboration and Coordination:** During 2006, SACBC and 15 partners will expand and strengthen current OVC services. Through community mobilization, training of caregivers and community leaders, and coordination and advocacy with local government authorities and community leaders, these sub-grantees will provide OVC with psychosocial support, access to educational programs, food security and nutrition support (nutritional supplements and education on nutrition, and referrals and linkages to programs that distribute food), basic health care, life skills, and critical linkages to livelihood opportunities (e.g., income-generating activities and access to entitlements and grants). Current home community and home-based care (CHBC) programs will be expanded to include OVC as recipients of support. These local partners also will define and target the most vulnerable populations, identify local resources, and advocate with local authorities and communities to develop linkages with other services over the life of the project. FHI, SACBC and local partners will work closely with government partners, including the district and provincial authorities to ensure they are supportive of project activities and are linking the projects to appropriate services.
- **Monitoring and Evaluation:** An additional critical component to the success of the OVC program is effective and reliable data collection systems for monitoring and planning. This project will create an M&E project database that will be used to monitor and report on the programs, and inform current and future programming. Project staff will work closely with government counterparts to ensure that data collected are in line with SAG strategies and expectations as well as compatible and able to feed into existing systems. FHI will train key program and implementing partner staff to manage the project M&E system and to use the information to assess priorities/opportunities, and target interventions for the program's future fiscal years.

## Foundation for Professional Development

### ***Program Areas:***

- HIV Treatment
- Strategic Information

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2005

### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Health
- Gauteng Provincial Department of Health
- North West Provincial Department of Health
- National Department of Correctional Services

### ***Provinces:***

- All Provinces

### **SUMMARY:**

The Foundation for Professional Development (FPD) is a South African Private Institution of Higher Education working exclusively in the health sector in Southern Africa. Since 2001 FPD has trained approximately 10,000 health care professionals on AIDS-related subjects in nine countries. In South Africa, the project supports the expansion of access to comprehensive HIV/AIDS care by: (1) Providing training to health care workers involved in HIV/AIDS care in all nine provinces, including a new program that partners graduate students with Emergency Plan implementing partners; (2) Providing management training to managers working in AIDS; (3) Supporting public sector antiretroviral treatment (ART) clinics with staff, equipment, technical assistance and refurbishment of facilities; and (4) Establishing an NGO ART clinic in the Pretoria inner city to provide ART to vulnerable groups in association with an established FBO serving the people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) community. In addition to its national training programs, FPD implements activities in nine facilities in Gauteng and at the Dr. George Mukhari Hospital in North West Province, in close collaboration with the National and Provincial Departments of Health.

### **HIV TREATMENT:**

FPD's HIV Treatment program consists of individual capacity-development components:

- **Clinical Training Programs:** The objective of the clinical training programs is to ensure a cadre of skilled health care practitioners able to provide care to PLWHA. 5,000 health care workers will be trained on various courses (clinical management of AIDS and TB, CT, Palliative care, Adherence and Workplace AIDS Programs) using a proven short course training methodology that provides training close to participants' work. PLWHA form part of the faculty to help with stigma reduction among participants and to articulate the needs of PLWHA. To maintain knowledge, an alumni program (regular continuing medical education meetings, journals, newsletters and mentorship) has been developed. This program provides alumni with membership of two relevant professional associations (Southern African HIV Clinicians Society and International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care).
- **Management Training:** FPD will train 300 managers working in AIDS within the public, NGO and FBO sector on a management training program to develop local

organizational capacity. In 2006, FPD will respond to requests for this program in provinces. Alumni will be enrolled with the SA Institute of Health Care Managers to provide them access to alumni services.

- Support to public sector ARV clinics: Emergency Plan funds will be used to respond to requests from provincial government to support public sector ARV sites by providing consultant clinical and administrative staff, equipment, refurbishment and technical assistance. All sites supported provide an integrated system of treatment and prevention, including counseling and testing (CT) services. This service also emphasizes high levels of adherence and promotes ARV services among referral clinics, especially TB, sexually transmitted infection (STI) and Family Planning clinics.

### **STRATEGIC INFORMATION:**

There is a growing need for rapid expansion of the development of human capacity to support Emergency Plan partners and programs. The Foundation for Professional Development (FPD) will support expanded access to comprehensive HIV/AIDS care by developing an expanded Human Capacity Development Program that will partner graduate students with Emergency Plan implementing partners. FPD will coordinate with universities (such as the University of Pretoria and University of Cape Town) and other institutions to provide monitoring and evaluation, and strategic information assistance and support to Emergency Plan partners and sub-partners.

## **Fresh Ministries: SIYAFUNDISA**

### ***Program Areas:***

- HIV Prevention

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2005

### ***Government Linkages:***

- Provincial Departments of Education

### ***Provinces:***

- All Provinces

### **SUMMARY:**

SIYAFUNDISA is a five-year program to reduce HIV/AIDS by promoting abstinence and being faithful. This centrally-funded project targets children, youth (ages 10-24), families and communities throughout the nine provinces of South Africa. Specific implementation sites will be determined in collaboration with the Anglican Church in South Africa and the Provincial Departments of Education.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Anglican Church in South Africa is already providing a range of services related to HIV/AIDS including prevention education, care of the sick, care and education of orphans, counseling and testing, education, and vocational training for those impacted by the disease. The Church adopted a five-fold strategy for risk reduction that the proposed SIYAFUNDISA abstinence program builds upon. The SIYAFUNDISA program will be managed by the Anglican

Church's AIDS Office and implemented through the local parishes in all nine provinces. Each parish will target children, youth and families with messages promoting positive and healthy lifestyles for young people. The goal of this program is to decrease the incidence of HIV/AIDS through increasing abstinence until marriage, increasing fidelity within marriage, and the avoidance of unhealthy behaviors affecting youth. Prevention strategies will promote age-appropriate, culturally sensitive educational programming for comprehensive HIV/AIDS, reproductive and sexual health and life skills in churches and the communities they serve.

### **HIV PREVENTION:**

With 2006 Emergency Plan funding, individuals will be trained as peer educators to promote within their communities abstinence and fidelity messages, the importance of knowing one's HIV status, and the importance of reducing stigma and discrimination associated with HIV/AIDS. Through these peer educators and other local church leaders, the program will reach youth and adults, empowering them with information and skills on HIV/AIDS prevention through abstinence and being faithful.

## **Higher Education HIV/AIDS Program (HEAIDS)**

### ***Program Areas:***

- HIV Counseling and Testing

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2004

### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Health

### ***Provinces:***

- Eastern Cape
- Free State
- Gauteng
- KwaZulu-Natal
- Limpopo
- North West
- Western Cape

### **HIV Counseling and Testing:**

This project continues a collaboration between the Higher Education HIV/AIDS Program (HEAIDS) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control to promote the uptake of counseling and testing (CT) services at 21 CT sites in higher education facilities. HEAIDS implements professional development and education interventions for campus health staff at the sites; capacity development includes improving networking and linkages with other services and adding trainers to the expertise currently available. Efforts will focus on gender, stigma and discrimination and promoting activities that relate to care, support and treatment. Peer education and the development of a strategy on the use of peer education to contribute to the uptake of CT also will be included. HEAIDS implements activities in close collaboration with the National Department of Health.

## **HIVCARE**

### ***Program Areas:***

- HIV Treatment

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2005

### ***Government Linkages:***

- Free State Provincial Department of Health

### ***Provinces:***

- Free State

## **SUMMARY:**

HIVCare is an innovative public-private partnership between NetCare and the Free State Department of Health. HIVCare uses Emergency Plan funds to provide antiretroviral treatment to patients who do not have private medical insurance. In addition to providing ARV medication, this program also will support patient care, including blood tests, doctor consultations, management for patients who default on their treatment, disease specialist interventions and individualized case management.

## **BACKGROUND:**

This project began in June 2005 with Emergency Plan funding. The main thrust of the activity was to match the Free State Department of Health (FSDOH) with partners from the private sector (in this case Netcare, the largest private sector health provider in South Africa, through the Medicross Medical Centre) in order to build private sector capacity and absorb some of the burden from state facilities. Many FSDOH centers have waiting lists of people waiting to go on ARV treatment. Patients from these overflow lists who meet the eligibility criteria for this program will be referred from those clinics to the Medicross Medical Centre in Bloemfontein for treatment.

## **HIV TREATMENT:**

The Medicross Medical Centre will provide all medical services related to the delivery of HIV care and treatment. Management and coordination activities will be provided by HIVCare. Patients will be referred from public clinics in the FSDOH network to the Medicross Centre based on the following criteria:

- Clinical criteria (CD4 <200 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> or WHO stage III or IV)
- Inability to pay (lack of private insurance or state coverage)
- Overcrowding at referring clinic

Patients referred to the program receive Emergency Plan-funded consultations and exams from Medicross Centre physicians, who also will order relevant tests and refer patients to expert specialists when necessary. The package of care also includes counseling and testing (for patients who do not know their status), adherence counseling, and access to short-term nutrition support.

## **Hospice and Palliative Care Association of South Africa**

### ***Program Areas:***

- HIV Care and Support

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2004

### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Health

### ***Provinces:***

- Eastern Cape
- Free State
- Gauteng
- KwaZulu-Natal
- Mpumalanga
- Northern Cape
- North West
- Western Cape

### **SUMMARY:**

The Hospice Palliative Care Association of South Africa (HPCA) will use Emergency Plan funds to strengthen the capacities of member hospices and other governmental and non-governmental organizations to provide a high standard of palliative care and to provide direct funding for patient care through identified sub-partners. HPCA currently implements Emergency Plan-funded activities in 13 facilities in Free State, in collaboration with the National Department of Health.

### **BACKGROUND:**

This is an ongoing activity funded by the Emergency Plan in 2004 and 2005. 2005 funding facilitated the development of Standards of Palliative Care, Hospice Management and Good Governance and an accreditation and quality improvement program based on these standards. Direct support to HPCA hospices was provided to established training centers and has promoted the development of 10 Centers for Palliative Learning (CPLs), with further CPLs planned with 2005 funding for Limpopo, North West Province, Northern KwaZulu-Natal and in Eastern Cape. Ultimately the goal is to have national coverage, with at least one CPL per province. HPCA personnel at national and provincial level will continue to provide the infrastructure and coordination for the development and strengthening of palliative care programs within member hospices, and government, non-government (i.e. community-based and faith-based organizations) and private health care partners.

### **HIV CARE AND SUPPORT:**

The major focus of Emergency Plan funding to HPCA in 2006 will be to provide direct palliative care to patients and their families, to assess quality of palliative care, provide support to the care providers, and provide training in palliative care. Through direct funding to established member hospices, HPCA will continue strengthening existing services and developing new services in order to achieve the goal of accessibility and availability of palliative care to all patients in need in all regions of South Africa.

- Provision of palliative care: HPCA funds sub-partners to provide quality palliative care to patients with stages 3 & 4 HIV and their families. The range of patient services provided by member hospices includes the provision of services via: home-based care; day care centers; in-patient palliative care units for terminal patients; and bereavement support for families and friends. These services include: management of opportunistic infection, pain and symptom management, psychosocial and spiritual care, as well as clinical prophylaxis and/or treatment for tuberculosis. Family care includes training in all aspects of patient care, infection control and nutrition, as well as individual and family counseling and reduction of stigma. Bereavement care is integral to the provision of palliative care and is applicable throughout the course of the illness as well as after the death of the patient. Ten new service delivery sites are expected to be developed in 2006.
- Accreditation and quality improvement: Using the HPCA Standards of Care developed with Emergency Plan funding in 2005, HPCA will continue the accreditation and quality improvement of existing member hospices with reference to these standards in 2006. The hospices that are accredited through this process will be used as mentor hospices to facilitate and support the strengthening of existing and the development of new palliative care services.
- Training in palliative care: Using the HPCA Centers for Palliative Learning established with Emergency Plan funding, palliative care training will be provided and will promote awareness of palliative care in communities. In partnership with higher education institutions (e.g. universities; technical colleges and nursing colleges), professional associations (e.g. South African Nursing Council; Health Professions Council) and the national and provincial Departments of Health, Social Development and Education, a wide range of accredited palliative care training programs will be offered for volunteers, community health workers, nurses and medical practitioners.

## **John Snow, Inc.**

### ***Program Areas:***

- HIV Prevention
- HIV Treatment

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2000

### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Health (Chief Directorate HIV/AIDS & TB)
- Provincial Departments of Health in all nine provinces

### ***Provinces:***

- All Provinces

## **SUMMARY:**

JSI has collaborated closely with the National Department of Health (NDOH) since 2000. Based on this strong relationship, NDOH has requested JSI assistance with multiple projects in HIV prevention and treatment. JSI works at the central level, with project results and outcomes benefiting services at the provincial, district and local levels. JSI implements activities in nearly

200 sites in all nine provinces, in close collaboration with the National and Provincial Departments of Health. There are currently 16 implementation sites in Free State.

### **HIV PREVENTION:**

JSI's HIV Prevention activities include programs covering Abstinence/Be Faithful (AB) messaging, condom logistics management, and Medical Injection Safety.

- **Abstinence/Be Faithful:** JSI will continue to work closely with the Chief Directorate: HIV/AIDS & TB of the NDOH to develop and implement a national Abstinence and Being Faithful campaign. JSI works collaboratively with the SAG "Khomani" (Caring Together) information, education and communication (IEC) campaign to ensure the SAG has a balanced AB and consistent and correct condom use (ABC) prevention program not only for youth 15 and above and/or sexually active youth, but also for youth aged 14 and younger focusing on abstinence messaging that is appropriate for their age. This Emergency Plan funding will leverage district level reach in all nine provinces (a total 27 districts), thus maximizing the effectiveness of these modest resources within the national prevention program. All activities are planned in the context of moving beyond HIV/AIDS awareness by focusing on specific perceptions that hamper effective behavior change to reduce risk. Specifically, JSI has been requested by the NDOH to assist in the establishment and training of Community Action Teams in three rural and difficult to reach districts per province. The core district teams of four to five members will receive intensive training on how to develop effective AB messaging in the local context.
- **Condom Logistics Management:** JSI will continue to support the STI & HIV/AIDS Prevention Unit within the NDOH and Provincial Departments of Health (PDOH) by providing logistics management technical assistance in the procurement, quality assurance, warehousing, distribution and tracking of the national male and female condom programs, targeting underserved, vulnerable and most at risk populations. JSI will implement an intensified focus in logistics management capacity building within the NDOH, to enable the NDOH to sustain the national condom distribution program without JSI/USG support by September 2007.
- **Medical Injection Safety:** As part of PEPFAR'S Making Medical Injections Safer (MMIS) project, John Snow Research and Training Inc. over the past year began piloting interventions aimed at reducing the risk of medical transmission of HIV through unsafe injections in three of the nine provinces. The project will now expand its current base to form part of a national campaign aimed at improving injection practices as well as strengthening institutional capacity through the development of injection safety policy norms and guidelines. Campaign elements include a sustained national Behaviour Change Communication targeting clinical health care workers as well as support personnel; print material on Injection Safety targeting health care workers as part of the Government's National HIV and AIDS Information, Communication and Education Campaign; provision of content material on Injection Safety to the Democratic Nurses Organisation of South Africa (DENOSA); and support for policy formulation and review in the area of human resources planning, development and management as well as overall health policy processes that promote and support safe injection practices.

### **HIV TREATMENT:**

JSI, in collaboration with NDOH and Emergency Plan HIV treatment partners, will continue the development of a patient information and program reporting system for HIV-positive children and adults based on a combination biometrics (fingerprinting) and smart card technology, called "STAT" (Secure Technology Advancing Treatment). Specifically JSI will sustain the STAT system in 20 Catholic Relief Services (CRS)/ South African Catholic Bishops Council sites,



sustain a minimum of four Foundation for Professional Development (FPD) sites, implement new STAT modules for TB, Pharmacy, Logistics, and Palliative Care, and implement the STAT system in at least five public sector sites in four provinces.

## **Johns Hopkins University Health Communication Partnership**

### ***Program Areas:***

- HIV Prevention
- Support for Orphans and Vulnerable Children
- HIV Counseling and Testing
- HIV Treatment
- Strategic Information

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2002

### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Health

### ***Provinces:***

- All Provinces

### **SUMMARY:**

The Johns Hopkins University Health Communication Partnership (HCP) implements programs in collaboration with local partners and the National Department of Health. Through innovative media approaches, HCP addresses HIV Prevention, Orphans and Vulnerable Children, HIV Counseling and Testing and ARV Services. In 2006, HCP also will undertake strategic information activities to evaluate program success.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The HCP prevention initiatives enter the third year of activity in 2006 with Mindset Health, South African Broadcast Corporation (SABC) Education, Valley Trust, Centre for AIDS Development Research and Evaluation (CADRE), DramAidE, and ABC Ukwazi as long-standing partners. Partnerships with Community Health and Media Trust (CHMT), Wits University and University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) were established in 2005 and with the Department of Correctional Services (DCS) in 2006.

### **HIV PREVENTION:**

HCP's HIV Prevention projects include Abstinence/Be Faithful (AB), as well as support for an integrated AB and consistent and correct condom use (ABC) approach.

#### **Abstinence/Be Faithful:**

HCP and South African partners will implement AB prevention programs through capacity building, innovative use of communication technology and community mobilization.

- The Mindset Health Channel provides direct broadcast information to health clinics, targeting both patient populations in waiting rooms with general information and Health Care Workers (HCW) with technical and training information. Mindset offers a unique opportunity to use modern communication technologies to reach HCWs on site with on-

demand capabilities. Mindset Health will strengthen and develop new prevention messages to be aired on its two satellite channels, particularly AB messages. HCW will reinforce prevention messages that clients will be exposed to while viewing the patient channel in waiting rooms.

- Prevention messages will be broadcast in public health facilities through the South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) funded and produced “Siyanqoba: Beat It” TV series. The series highlights the experiences of HIV-positive people and will include episodes with specific AB messages.
- Community Health Media Trust will work with community volunteers at the Mindset clinic sites and train them on how to facilitate group and individual discussions on the series’ topics with patients in the waiting rooms. This activity will utilize the synergy of video materials, primarily produced and funded with SABC funds, with active facilitation by members of the local communities.
- 78 episodes of the popular Tsha Tsha drama series will have been produced by SABC with PEPFAR support. Mindset has an agreement with SABC to use these materials on the patient channel. In addition through HCP and its partner CADRE, individual storylines on AB, stigma and discrimination, Counseling and Testing, and gender violence that have been broadcast will be summarized into 15-20 minute programs that are both educational and dramatic. The community facilitators also will be trained to use these materials and be given facilitator’s guides specifically made for each condensed program.
- A new TV series will be produced with SABC Education to focus on local responses to HIV/AIDS and other development challenges. The show will focus on South African success stories, and highlight individuals and organizations that can serve as models for replication in other communities. The show will provide special emphasis on AB programs for young people. It will be broadcast free by SABC and SABC will contribute to production and development. The program will be used in the community mobilization activities of other HCP partners as a stimulus for discussion and action.
- Several other community mobilization interventions will utilize the Beat It and Tsha Tsha materials, including DramAidE Health Promoters (HPs), The Department of Correctional Services, The Valley Trust youth interventions and Peer Africa.

#### Integrated ABC Messaging:

HCP will implement HIV prevention programs using static and distance learning, including entertainment-education; the innovative use of communication technology; and community mobilization.

- The Mindset Health Channel provides direct broadcast information to health clinics, targeting both patient populations in waiting rooms with general information and health care providers with technical and training information. Building on last year’s 10 hours of video produced in five languages plus print and web-based support materials, Mindset will use 2006 funds to develop and produce another 10 hours of material and translate those materials produced into six more national languages. HCW will reinforce prevention messages that clients will be exposed to while viewing the patient channel in waiting rooms. Through Emergency Plan funding (and South African Government and private sector support) at the beginning of 2006 Mindset Health will be in more than 250 sites. It is planned that this will increase in 2006 to 750 sites.
- Prevention messages will be broadcast in public health facilities through the SABC funded and produced “Siyanqoba: Beat It” TV series, which highlights the experiences of HIV-positive people and will include episodes with specific prevention messages.

- Community Health Media Trust will work with community volunteers at the Mindset clinic sites and train them on how to facilitate group and individual discussions on the series topics with patients in the waiting rooms. This activity will use the synergy of video materials, primarily produced and funded with SABC funds, with active facilitation by members of the local communities.
- 78 episodes of the popular Tsha Tsha drama series will have been produced by SABC with PEPFAR support. Mindset has an agreement with SABC to use these materials on the patient channel. In addition through HCP and its partner CADRE, individual storylines on condom use, stigma and discrimination, Counseling and Testing, and gender violence that have been broadcast will be summarized into 15-20 minute programs that are both educational and dramatic. The community facilitators also will be trained to use these materials and be given facilitator's guides specifically made for each condensed program.
- A new TV series will be produced with SABC Education to focus on local responses to HIV/AIDS and other development challenges. The show will focus on South African success stories, and highlight individuals and organizations that can serve as models for replication in other communities. The show will provide special emphasis on ABC programs promoting the importance of delaying sex, counseling and testing, AB and secondary abstinence for young people. It will be broadcast free by SABC and SABC will contribute to production and development. The program will be used in the community mobilization activities of other HCP partners as a stimulus for discussion and action.
- Several other community mobilization interventions will utilize the Beat It and Tsha Tsha materials, including DramAidE Health Promoters (HPs), The Department of Correctional Services, The Valley Trust youth interventions and Peer Africa.

### **SUPPORT FOR ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN:**

The HCP OVC intervention will build networks of support around OVC and their caregivers and educators. OVC, caregivers and educators will be supported in accessing basic needs and psychosocial support. This program, now entering its second year, focuses on using new tools developed in year one to work with communities, caregivers and OVC. Through the Caring Communities project (CCP) organized by DramAidE and the Valley Trust's OVC program and working with schools, FBOs and CBOs, OVC will be identified and assisted in receiving needed services. These services include access to food, proper sanitation in the house, adult supervision, assisting in proper documentation for identification documents, grant applications and school fees exemption. A new partnership with the Anglican Church of the Province of Southern Africa (CPSA) will increase the project's reach into the Western Cape, Northern Cape and Eastern Cape while still serving OVC in KwaZulu-Natal (KZN). HCP will work with the church's networks of mothers and other caregivers to identify and support OVC.

### **HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING:**

HCP will provide Counseling and Testing (CT) using both mobile and fixed services through local NGOs and in tertiary institutions, and promote these services through the Mindset Health channel to both health care workers and patients. These activities are implemented through three ongoing and successful partnerships with DramAidE, Valley Trust and Mindset Health channel. Activities include:

- Mobilizing Communities To Action And Support: Through its partnerships with DramAidE and Valley Trust, HCP will support and promote services at 33 clinics. Both projects target youth for CT while at the same time providing services to the community at large.

- **Innovative Use Of Communication Technology:** The Mindset Health channel provides direct broadcast information to health clinics, targeting both patient populations in waiting rooms with general information and health care providers with technical and training information. Mindset Health will create material that updates health care workers on the current guidelines for CT (including strong linkages to HIV care and services), with supporting material in print and video media.

### **HIV TREATMENT:**

The HCP treatment initiatives are new activities in 2006 built on successful programming and partnerships with Mindset Health channel, Community Health and Media Trust (CHMT) and Wits University to address treatment literacy, adherence and clinician training. Activities include:

- **Building Capacity through Education/Mindset:** The Mindset Health Channel provides direct broadcast information to health clinics, targeting both patient populations in waiting rooms with general information, and health care providers with technical and training information. To air current and accurate information on antiretroviral treatment (ART), HCP will continue its collaboration with the Mindset Health channel which at the beginning of 2006 will be in more than 250 sites. It is anticipated that this number will increase with 2006 funding to 750 sites. An additional 10 hours of treatment video, web content and print materials will be developed in five languages for health care workers at these sites. Material developed through previous Emergency Plan funding will be updated as National guidelines and protocols change.
- **Media and ART:** Wits University's Department of Journalism will conduct targeted assessments on the role of media and its treatment of HIV/AIDS issues, with a particular emphasis on treatment literacy, and report the results back to communities, journalists and policy makers by means of the press and public forums. Both journalists and policy makers are expected to help disseminate and advocate for a change in how HIV/AIDS issues are represented to the public. This project builds on the successes of previous years where issues like PMTCT and OVC have been tackled with a focus on creating new representations in the media that decrease stigma and create voices for marginalized men and women.
- **Mobilizing communities to act:** CHMT, with non-Emergency Plan funding, has developed a series of video and print materials for people affected by and infected with HIV, including people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) and their caregivers. Emergency Plan funding will assist CHMT in the rollout of these materials to 225 organizations that provide treatment support for approximately 10,000 PLWHA. CHMT will train these organizations on how to utilize the treatment literacy materials and mentor them throughout the year on treatment related issues.

### **STRATEGIC INFORMATION:**

Emergency Plan funds will support a national level survey to measure effectiveness of the three large mass media activities in South Africa: 1) the NDOH Khomanani campaign; 2) Soul City's treatment adherence campaign; and 3) Tsha Tsha and Mindset. This activity will be co-funded by all three organizations. These three prevention initiatives are a large part of the NDOH prevention campaign.

## **Management Sciences for Health: Rational Pharmaceutical Management Plus**

### ***Program Areas:***

- HIV Treatment

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2004

### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Health
- Provincial Departments of Health

### ***Provinces:***

- All Provinces

### **SUMMARY:**

With 2006 Emergency Plan funds, RPM Plus will continue and expand activities already underway in South Africa to support the effective provision of antiretroviral (ARV) drugs to enable the Government antiretroviral treatment (ART) rollout. RPM Plus will continue to impact drug provision by improving estimation of ARV drug needs; implementing systems to manage drug procurement and distribution and to monitor drug availability throughout the provincial drug supply chain; and developing a highly skilled “pool” of pharmacy personnel to manage them. The objective is also to strengthen the South African Government’s Drug Supply Management Information Systems at all levels. RPM Plus works in collaboration with the National, Provincial and Local Government Pharmaceutical Services (and other directorates as appropriate). RPM Plus works in 19 facilities across South Africa.

### **HIV TREATMENT:**

In South Africa RPM Plus activities are in support of the Government antiretroviral treatment (ART) roll out plan by improving the reliable provision of ARV services (and other related services); monitoring progress towards full compliance with pharmaceutical legislation and ARV accreditation requirements for provincial health facilities; training pharmacists and pharmacist assistants in basic principles of HIV and AIDS management; training health personnel in conducting Medicine Use Evaluations, using adherence to ART measurement tools; supporting provincial pharmaceutical and therapeutic committees to promote national standard treatment guidelines for HIV and AIDS, TB, sexually transmitted infections (STI) and other diseases; and setting up provincial drug information centers. In 2006 additional training programs will be conducted complemented by on-site follow-up visits. The development of provincial drug information centers will continue. RPM Plus will assist the SAG to develop ART adherence measurement tools and share best practices in adherence measurement tools for ART.

Additional training activities include:

- Drug Forecasting Training: RPM Plus has developed forecasting models to estimate and monitor drug needs using morbidity and consumption data. All provincial staff responsible for the submission of provincial estimates, and all provincial pharmaceutical warehouse managers and pharmacists responsible for the procurement of ART, TB, opportunistic infection (OIs) and STI drugs (and other essential drugs) at the institutional level (Hospital, Community Health Center and District) will be trained. Provincial coordinators for specific vertical programs (e.g. TB) also will be included in the relevant workshops.

- **Drug Management Training:** RPM Plus has developed an integrated computerized drug supply management suite to assist pharmacy and medical personnel from health facilities to manage the drug supply chain from the provincial warehouse down to the patient. Priority will be given to train pharmacists, pharmacists' assistants, nurses and doctors based at ART accredited sites (hospitals, wellness centers) on the use of the modules relevant to their functions (including recording adverse drug events and drug-to-drug interactions).
- **Data Management Training:** Basic skills on drug supply data management are required to manage the drug supply chain. RPM Plus is developing a set of materials to train provincial pharmacy personnel in converting existing aggregate drug supply data (from existing manual and/or computerized systems) into strategic information for decision making. A series of national and provincial workshops will start in 2006 to train pharmacy personnel in using data and information to ensure that the increasing demand for drugs required for the care and treatment of HIV and AIDS, TB and other related programs is met.

## **National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD)**

### ***Program Areas:***

- Systems Strengthening

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2003

### ***Government Linkages:***

- Eastern Cape Provincial Department of Health
- Free State Provincial Department of Health
- Western Cape Provincial Department of Health

### ***Provinces:***

- Eastern Cape
- Free State
- Western Cape

## **SUMMARY:**

In 2006, The National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD) will continue to support government-to-government twinning relationships between three Provincial Departments of Health AIDS Directorates, and three U.S. State Health Department AIDS programs, resulting in bi-directional exchange of expertise, and improved capacity of Provincial health systems. These activities are implemented with the Provincial Departments of Health in the Eastern Cape, Free State and Western Cape.

## **BACKGROUND:**

NASTAD is a U.S. NGO whose members consist of U.S. state health department AIDS program directors whose positions are analogous in program responsibility to their counterparts in national and state level AIDS programs abroad. NASTAD utilizes state AIDS directors and their staff to engage in twinning relationships to provide peer-based technical assistance (TA) to increase HIV/AIDS program capacity of state and district level councils and committees

worldwide, as requested by U.S. Centers for Disease Control field offices. This project builds on a government-to government twinning relationship between the Massachusetts Department of Health AIDS Bureau and the Eastern Cape Department of Health AIDS Directorate and people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) community of the Eastern Cape which has been in place since 2000, and has been facilitated by South Africa Partners. In 2005, NASTAD was provided funding through the Emergency Plan to maintain and expand these initiatives, and to support two additional twinning relationships between U.S. state health departments and South African Provincial Health Departments.

#### **SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING:**

Specific activities and expected results for each twinning relationship will vary according to the needs of the partnership:

- Eastern Cape Province and Massachusetts Department of Public Health AIDS Bureau: Two activity areas are supported. In 2006 South Africa Partners will provide capacity development, curriculum development and training to 21 PLWHA, three from each of the province's seven health districts, who are serving as health advocates. The project will work with local district health offices, AIDS Councils and AIDS support organizations to identify areas where PLWHA can contribute to improvements in HIV prevention, treatment, and care and support initiatives. South Africa Partners also will work with the health advocates to coordinate the third annual Eastern Cape PLWHA Summit, and to implement seven District "mini" Health Summits.
- Consultations Study Tour: The second activity targets host government and policy workers within the Eastern Cape Department of Health (ECDOH) through ongoing consultation between the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) AIDS Bureau and the ECDOH HIV/AIDS Directorate. Specifically, a study tour will be planned for six people (three PLWHA leaders from the districts, one district manager, one ART site manager, and the Eastern Cape Director for HIV/AIDS) to travel to Massachusetts to observe important models that will inform program development in the Eastern Cape, continue the modeling of cross-sector relationships, particularly in the area of ARV dissemination and management, and update strategic planning between Massachusetts and Eastern Cape partners, particularly relative to the Wellness Centre model being developed in Port Elizabeth and based on the Boston Living Center.
- Western Cape Province and California Office of AIDS: A signed sister state-province agreement between the Western Cape (WC) and the State of California already exists, and in 2004 the California Office of AIDS met with officials of the WC Health Department to discuss possible twinning activities. In 2005, delegation visits between the two health departments have been initiated and a work-plan is under development within which specific activities and expected results for 2006 will be delineated.
- Free State and Illinois Department of Health: This twinning relationship was initiated in 2005. Delegation visits and work-plan development between the two health departments are in progress to delineate specific activities and expected results for 2006.

## National Department of Correctional Services

### ***Program Areas:***

- HIV Prevention
- HIV Counseling and Testing
- HIV Care and Support
- HIV Treatment
- Strategic Information

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2005

### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Correctional Services
- National Department of Health

### ***Provinces:***

- All Provinces

### **SUMMARY:**

Emergency Plan funds will support the Department of Correctional Services (DCS) to implement an integrated HIV prevention, HIV counseling and testing and HIV care and treatment program, including monitoring and evaluation components, within correctional facilities in all nine provinces. In 2006, projects will focus specifically on the development of centers of excellence in each of the DCS regions.

### **HIV PREVENTION:**

Emergency Plan funds will support DCS to implement an HIV/AIDS peer educator prevention program targeting adult offenders and DCS staff from all nine provinces. This program will identify and recruit master trainers from among prison employees and inmates serving long terms. Emergency Plan funds will support 12 coordinators (two per DCS region) to oversee all implementation aspects of the program including data collection and reporting. Activities will include:

- **Training of Master Trainers:** Master trainers will receive training that includes information related to HIV transmission, effective preventive behavior, and care and support services available to people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA), as well as on peer education techniques and responsibilities. Special focus is given to peer education messages focusing on Abstinence/Be Faithful and consistent and correct condom use (ABC).
- **Peer Education:** The master trainers will provide peer education training to DCS staff and sentenced offenders as they pass through the system. Peer educators will disseminate information to other prisoners and to the external communities upon their release, with the expectation of changed social and community norms to reduce high-risk behaviors, and increased demand for HIV-related services.
- **Detainees awaiting Trial:** DCS intends to pilot the training of detainees awaiting trial as master trainers. Currently, DCS renders minimal services to detainees awaiting trial as they are the responsibility of the Departments of Justice and the South African Police Services. This activity will therefore remain at the pilot level so that rollout can be considered by either of these Departments. Detainees awaiting trial will be carefully



selected based on the length of their trials. Centers that are part of the DCS centers of excellence program will be used for the pilot, which will be implemented as a regional program initially. The impact of the training will be to create a cadre of master trainers who will train peer educators among other detainees awaiting trial to promote HIV prevention messages.

#### **HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING:**

Emergency Plan funds will be used by DCS to establish HIV CT services in correctional centers and to increase access and utilization of counseling and testing (CT) services in correctional centers where they already exist. DCS has not embarked on systematic training in CT previously. Any training has been ad hoc and specific to local sites. This is the first attempt to train a group of staff nationally as a prelude to rolling out CT throughout the DCS prison system. Activities include:

- **Training:** This activity will provide CT training to persons within the DCS, including nurses, social workers, psychologists and spiritual care workers. Pre- and post-test counseling training will specifically include stigma/discrimination, male norms and behaviors, and reducing violence and coercion. This program will be initiated in the 36 correctional centers identified by the DCS for development as centers of excellence.
- **Logistics and Quality Assurance:** The second activity is to provide procurement, logistical and quality assurance services to the 36 HIV CT programs in correctional centers being developed as centers of excellence. This will involve procurement of test kits and other materials needed for HIV CT. Other related activities will include the establishment of CT procedures and protocols within the correctional center for both staff and inmates, and the development of quality assurance protocols and procedures to standardize CT services.

#### **HIV CARE AND SUPPORT:**

Emergency Plan funds will be used by DCS to provide basic HIV/AIDS care and support to offenders and staff in DCS detention facilities in all nine provinces. DCS policy on HIV/AIDS care for prisoners includes utilization of volunteers to provide care to terminally ill patients. This activity is intended to contribute to a core objective of the DCS, which is rehabilitation by encouraging the spirit of volunteerism and caring among offenders. Services provided by volunteers will complement existing services in which nursing personnel are responsible for patient management. This is a new activity that will be implemented by a private contractor through the procurement process. Coverage for these activities will initially include 12 correctional centers (two in each of six DCS regions) with an overall goal to reach 36 centers by September 2007.

- For the proposed program, a nurse master trainer will be trained in each of the 12 correctional centers targeted for this program. The nurses in turn will train inmates who are interested and meet the necessary criteria according to the Correction Center-Based Care Policy. This activity will increase the capacity of correctional health care providers to deliver appropriate, comprehensive care and information to inmates with HIV and AIDS.
- Inmates will be accredited by DCS with the training and certified by DCS as volunteer caregivers within the prison. In addition to enabling the inmates to provide important complementary care to their fellow inmates, this training will, it is hoped, help inmates to be absorbed into their communities upon release.
- DCS will create appropriate linkages with the community, to begin during the HIV-positive inmate's release planning process. In addition, DCS will evaluate the effectiveness and lessons learned in developing community-based programs with local

organizations to provide continuity of care once inmates are released, including community-based ART follow up and adherence support.

### **STRATEGIC INFORMATION:**

DCS will use Emergency Plan funds to develop a monitoring and evaluation (M&E) system for all HIV and AIDS activities in the national correctional system. DCS has no systems in place to assist to collect data and monitor programs on HIV and AIDS in correctional centers; the resulting data from this project will be used to provide accurate information for DCS planning purposes. DCS will develop a single uniform and standardized reporting format; supervise the implementation of monitoring tools in all correctional centers; and conduct M&E training throughout the six DCS regions.

New funds in 2006 will be used to strengthen the DCS medical facilities and pharmacies, train health workers in the management of TB and HIV (ART), train health managers and pharmacists in administrative management, implement an automated health information system, and enable DCS medical facilities to gain National Department of Health accreditation as sites for the provision of ART.

## **National Department of Education**

### ***Program Areas:***

- HIV Prevention

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2006

### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Education

### ***Provinces:***

- Free State
- KwaZulu-Natal
- Mpumalanga
- North West

### **SUMMARY:**

Abstinence and be faithful (AB) activities will be carried out by a local NGO to support the Department of Education (DOE) in HIV prevention, care and support for students, and promote positive healthy behavior among school children. The program also will assist the national DOE, with non-Emergency Plan funds, to coordinate and provide clearly articulated peer education, care and support programs to the provincial DOEs, district offices and schools, laying the foundation for support of the peer education program for students. DOE anticipates project implementation in 80 school sites in Free State, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga and North West provinces.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The responsibility to mitigate the impact of HIV/AIDS within the education sector is located in the Quality Promotion and Development branch in the DOE. This branch is also responsible

for assuring the quality and consistency of AB messages. The DOE HIV/AIDS unit develops appropriate policies and legislative frameworks to respond to HIV/AIDS across all levels of the system; provides the required technical input into the planning for the education system in the context of HIV/AIDS at National and Provincial levels; facilitates research and collection of Education-specific data on HIV/AIDS in order to inform Departmental responses; and coordinates the Department's collaborative activities across other SAG departments and all sub sectors. The actual implementation of programs to mitigate the impact of HIV/AIDS in schools is the responsibility of each of the nine provincial education departments.

Currently there are various uncoordinated peer education programs offered in schools by several providers. HIV/AIDS and health education through the life skills programs, including age-appropriate AB messages, are an integral part of the school curriculum. However these programs have not started yielding results to counter the impact of the epidemic on the education system. The DOE's HIV/AIDS Peer Education, Care and Support Program will be a new national intervention program aimed at building a coherent uniform response, and protecting the quality of education and training. The program is targeted at primary and secondary public school students, ages 14–19 years who are enrolled for Grades 8-12.

### **HIV PREVENTION:**

Funds will be used to teach students skills for practicing abstinence and for encouraging delaying sexual activities until marriage. Young people also will receive skills to adopt social and community norms that support delaying sex until later in life and skills to deal with cross-generational sex, transactional sex, rape and other gender-based violence. Students attending schools located in rural areas will be the key target group. This program will target the provinces with high infection rates: KwaZulu-Natal (21.8%), Mpumalanga (19.1%), Free State (12.4%) and North West (10.4%).

Each school (total of 80) will select a group of peer educators (total of 160) from the Representative Council of Learners (RCLs), to be trained to work with their peers and establish clear roles for the RCLs to guide activity implementation. The RCLs will receive training to enable them to serve as peer educators in their schools, reaching approximately 2,400 students. Peer educators will focus on encouraging dignity and self-worth, the importance of HIV counseling and testing, reduction of stigma and discrimination, delivering education and training to promote responsible sexual behavior and the prevention of HIV/AIDS, as well as other health wellness factors. Both male and female peer educators will be recruited and encouraged to participate in the program, thereby providing students with opportunities to address issues of sexism, sexual harassment, and power relations between men and women. This activity will build on the ongoing life skills training programs currently implemented in schools by the provincial education departments. Emergency Plan resources also will be used to develop and improve training materials suitable for the targeted student groups.

## National Department of Justice

### ***Program Areas:***

- HIV Prevention
- HIV Counseling and Testing

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2006

### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Justice

### ***Provinces:***

- All Provinces

## **SUMMARY:**

This is a new project with the National Department of Justice (NDOJ) to support HIV prevention and HIV counseling and testing services for victims of sexual assault. The project will be implemented in all provinces.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The DOJ Sexual Offences and Community Affairs (SOCA) Unit of the National Prosecuting Authority supports specific sexual offences courts. The SOCA Unit has established Thuthuzela (“To Comfort” in Xhosa) Care Centers (TCCs) nationwide. These centers provide comprehensive services to women and children rape survivors, including HIV counseling and testing and Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP). This project will bring the medical care being provided at TCCs into compliance with National Department of Health (NDOH) standards. This support is expected to be complemented by funding through the US President’s Women’s Justice and Empowerment Initiative.

## **HIV PREVENTION:**

At each of the country’s TCCs, medical personnel will be trained to follow NDOH guidelines for HIV/AIDS services. Women testing HIV-negative following sexual assault will be provided Post-Exposure Prophylaxis.

## **HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING:**

Emergency Plan funds will be used to provide training in HIV counseling and testing to TCC medical personnel. Women and children who test negative for HIV will be administered PEP. Those who test HIV-positive will be given appropriate counseling and will be referred to the nearest government site for HIV management.

## National Health Laboratory Service

### ***Program Areas:***

- PMTCT
- HIV Prevention
- HIV Counseling and Testing

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2000

### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Health

### ***Provinces:***

- Free State
- Gauteng

### **SUMMARY:**

The National Health Laboratory Service (NHLS) will implement three separate programs in PMTCT (Gauteng, sites to be determined), HIV Counseling and Testing (Gauteng and Free State) and HIV Prevention (Free State). All programs target high risk populations in low resource settings. The programs are implemented in and around Carletonville and Alexandra Township (Gauteng) and Welkom and Virginia (Free State) in collaboration with the National Department of Health.

### **PMTCT: (Gauteng Province)**

NHLS will use Emergency Plan funds to implement a pilot/demonstration project aimed at increasing access to early HIV diagnosis for infants. Based on the results of the demonstration project, NHLS will develop evidence-based, practical guidelines for providing an accurate infant diagnostic service, realistic for the local primary health care (PHC) clinic setting and laboratory infrastructure in Gauteng Province. Project findings will be reported to the Gauteng Province DOH and the NDOH to inform the rollout of early infant diagnosis programs throughout South Africa, and to advocate for the integration of AIDS care services in low resource settings. This project was specifically requested by the Gauteng Province DOH, with strong support from NDOH and its PMTCT Early Diagnosis Committee.

### **HIV PREVENTION: (Free State)**

Lesedi-Lechabile Primary Care, an organization working with the NHLS will implement an HIV/AIDS Prevention Program targeted at youth both in- and out-of-schools with prevention messages focusing on abstinence and mutual faithfulness. Lesedi-Lechabile Primary Care is a community intervention that targets women at high risk around mining communities in the Free State with HIV/AIDS prevention strategies including offering treatment for curable sexually transmitted infections (STIs). The program utilizes peer health educators to disseminate information, education and communication materials and behavior change communication messages. These messages include consistent condom use.

A Youth Centre will be established in an existing meeting space. A needs assessment will be conducted to identify training needs with regard to promoting abstinence and delay of first sexual encounter among youth. Youth Peer Educators will be trained in behavior change communication that will empower youth with life skills, assisting them to understand their

sexuality, handling peer pressure and alerting them about the consequences of sex before marriage. Life Skills components will specifically address the roles of violence and coercion and male norms and behaviors in increasing risk for HIV. Communities will be mobilized through liaising with local schools, church youth groups and local youth organizations. Networks and linkages with existing resources will be developed.

### **HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING: (Gauteng Province)**

The Sexually Transmitted Infection Reference Centre (STIRC) of the NHLS will provide counseling and testing (CT) as well as sexually transmitted infections (STI) screening and disease management, to two target populations: the general population living in informal settlements served by the Mothusimpilo project in the Carletonville area, and youth in Alexandra Township.

STIRC has operated 11 mobile clinic vans in communities close to mine shafts in the Free State and Gauteng Provinces for a number of years to provide periodic presumptive therapy to women at high risk (WAHR) of STIs. CT and STI screening and treatment for WAHR served by the three mobile vans staffed by the Mothusimpilo Project in Carletonville began in 2005. In 2006 these services will be extended to men (including partners of WAHR) and women of reproductive age in the general population served by the three Mothusimpilo vans. STIRC also will provide CT and STI screening to youth in Alexandra, a township where both STI and HIV rates are among the highest in Gauteng. Community outreach and mobilization will increase acceptance of and access to these services.

## **Population Council / Horizons: Promotion of Pediatric HIV/AIDS Treatment**

### ***Program Areas:***

- HIV Treatment

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2006

### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Health

### ***Provinces:***

- Eastern Cape
- Free State
- Gauteng
- KwaZulu-Natal
- Western Cape

### **SUMMARY:**

Population Council/HORIZONS will test the feasibility and acceptability of promoting family-centered services to enhance pediatric HIV/AIDS treatment. Activities will be implemented in five provinces (Eastern Cape, Free State, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal and Western Cape) in collaboration with the National Department of Health.

**BACKGROUND:**

The overall goal of this project is to improve access to treatment and to reduce related morbidity and mortality among children, their mothers, and their families. This project builds upon an earlier Emergency Plan-funded survey of service providers and caregivers, completed in 2005. This survey, conducted at eight health facilities providing pediatric care and treatment, provides detailed information about the current composition of pediatric HIV services and the different means by which children (and their families) access antiretroviral treatment (ART). The targeted evaluation to be implemented in 2006 will examine a strategy to expand access to care and support services for children and their families by comparing the current health facility model, in which adults and children are treated separately, to a family-centered model with a clinical and community component.

**HIV TREATMENT:**

The family-centered model is a comprehensive treatment strategy that takes into account all members of the family unit that are infected and affected. In this context, the family will be supported to promote access to treatment and successful management of children on ART. At the health facility level, to reduce time and financial costs and encourage adherence with clinic visits, service will be reoriented so that all members of a family infected with HIV can be seen on the same day and in the same clinic for basic HIV care. This care includes diagnosis, ART, treatment of TB and other opportunistic infections (OIs), and referrals to related services. In the community, a range of groups that provide social, health, pastoral, material, and other services to families will be brought into the ART network as sources of referral for HIV diagnosis and care. Thus the family-centered model will have two focal points: a family care clinic in the health facility and an outreach and referral system in the community.

**Salvation Army World Service*****Program Areas:***

- HIV Prevention
- Support for Orphans and Vulnerable Children
- HIV Care and Support

***Project Initiation:***

- 2004

***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Health
- National Department of Social Development

***Provinces:***

- Eastern Cape
- Free State
- Gauteng
- KwaZulu-Natal
- Limpopo
- Mpumalanga
- Northern Cape
- North West

**SUMMARY:**

The Salvation Army carries out community-based activities in HIV Prevention, HIV Care and Support, and Support for Orphans and Vulnerable Children. Emergency Plan-funded activities are implemented in eight provinces (all but Western Cape). In Free State, Salvation Army implements activities in two communities in collaboration with the National Departments of Health and Social Development.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Salvation Army is an international Christian denomination with specific community programs related to HIV/AIDS response, encompassing all aspects of HIV/AIDS community-based care and prevention programming: home-based care, support for OVC, one-on-one pre- and post-test counseling, clinical care of opportunistic infection, community counseling, and youth mobilization. The Salvation Army Matsoho A Thuso project is a holistic prevention and care model that began in November 2004 with Emergency Plan funding.

**HIV PREVENTION:**

The Salvation Army HIV Prevention program promotes the AB message through Youth Mentors and Pastors.

- Salvation Army's Youth Program promotes abstinence before marriage and faithfulness within marriage to youth in a school or peer group setting, using the curriculum "Life at the Crossroads." This curriculum contains 30 lesson plans complete with student activities that assist youth in building the skills they need to pursue abstinence before marriage. The curriculum also challenges misperceptions about male norms and behaviors. The Salvation Army will engage the services of South African Volunteer Youth Mentors trained for this activity, and provide service to high schools and upper primary schools throughout the country.
- The Pastor Program mobilizes church leadership (Pastors) to effectively engage their congregations on issues of abstinence and faithfulness. Salvation Army will assist Pastors to find positive language that extols the benefits of abstaining before marriage and being faithful within marriage, and to assist the Pastors in providing their congregations with tools that reinforce the message. Pastors are equipped to promote AB and related topics of character building through sermons, Bible Studies, youth/men's/women's groups, etc.

**SUPPORT FOR ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN:**

The Salvation Army will use 2006 Emergency Plan funding to set up community Kid's Clubs to meet children's psychosocial and emotional needs and to identify specific children who are orphaned or vulnerable so that they can be provided with further services such as assistance to access government grants.

- Kid's Clubs: Children's Workers will be trained and equipped to set up Kid's Clubs in their communities, delivering psychosocial support services primarily through play therapy where children are exposed to activities that increase their self esteem and reinforce values such as trust (in adults and in each other), teamwork, perseverance, life skills, acceptance of others, etc. These Kid's Clubs are open to any child who wishes to join, irrespective of whether or not they fit the definition of OVC.
- Advocacy: For those children identified as OVC, Children's Workers will work with the caregivers to ensure that they are accessing government grants. Children's Workers will act as advocates on behalf of these children and their families, assisting them to access birth certificates, identity documents and government grants (including identifying which type of grant may be applied for, providing assistance in completing the application form, lodging it with the Department of Social Development, and tracking the progress of the



application). In addition, Children's Workers are trained to identify other resources in the community that can be mobilized on behalf of children in need of these services (i.e. social workers, community feeding schemes, etc.). Children's Workers also will advocate on behalf of OVC who are not in school to assist them to gain entrance to school through school fee exemption.

#### **HIV CARE AND SUPPORT:**

The Salvation Army will use 2006 Emergency Plan funds to equip community members to provide the most basic forms of home-based care (HBC) to people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA). These activities will contribute positively to the quality of life of PLWHA, provide spiritual and psychological support to the clients and their families, and monitor the client's health over a period of time, which will assist qualified health care providers in the management of opportunistic infections. HBC is a component that has been added to Matsoho A Thuso's services for 2006, and will include assistance with bathing the client when s/he is unable to do so, tending to household duties when needed, providing spiritual and psychological support to the client and his/her family, and monitoring the client's status over time. This service also contributes towards reducing stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV. The presence of a HBC worker signifies that a person with HIV does not need to be shunned or hidden away. HBC volunteers also make use of opportunities to address family and community misconceptions about HIV/AIDS.

### **Save the Children UK: Child Responsive Integrated Support Project**

#### ***Program Areas:***

- Support for Orphans and Vulnerable Children

#### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2004

#### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Social Development
- Provincial Departments of Social Development in Free State and Limpopo

#### ***Provinces:***

- Free State
- Limpopo

#### **SUMMARY:**

Save the Children-UK (SCUK) Child Responsive Integrated Support Project (CRISP) will use 2006 Emergency Plan funds to support the creation of local networks providing comprehensive care and support for OVC through the following components: building family and community capacity by training and mentoring Child Care Forums, FBOs and other relevant CBOs; improving local, provincial and national coordination of OVC programming; and supporting local government OVC programming. SCUK implements activities in multiple wards in Free State and Limpopo provinces, working in collaboration with the National Department of Social Development.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The CRISP project builds on a pilot initiated in 2003 in one municipality in the Free State. In 2005, Emergency Plan funding has been used to take the project to scale across two additional municipalities in the District of Thabo Mafutsanyane in the Free State and one municipality of Vhembe District in Limpopo. Activities will be carried out in the Free State by Save the Children and in Limpopo by Centre for Positive Care. The Project works in partnership with local Municipal authorities in support of their program initiatives to promote community responses to OVC. The South African Policy framework for OVC made vulnerable by HIV/AIDS is used as a guiding reference in this work.

## **SUPPORT FOR ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN:**

The project will work with communities in 84 wards across a total of five Municipalities (four in the Free State, one in Limpopo). Emergency Plan funding will be used to pay for a team of eight community coordinators who will build local capacity to provide care and support for OVC. By providing direct mentoring support to the CCFs and in conjunction with the National Department of Social Development (DSD), particular emphasis will be placed on developing local referral systems for OVC by providing technical support to other groups and structures such as home-based care (HBC) groups, schools, FBOs, preschools and youth groups. Referrals will continue to be to government services, including schooling, health care and social services, as well as civil society such as day care, support groups, feeding schemes, after school recreational activities and nutrition programs. 2006 Emergency Plan funding will be used to fund the training of 100 new CCF members and continued training of existing members.

- In 2005, with Emergency Plan funding and in conjunction with NDOH, 801 people were trained in HIV/AIDS treatment literacy in Thabo Mafutsanyane District (Free State). In 2006, SCUK will provide post-training support to groups trained in one municipality in order to strengthen family care for OVC by keeping parents and caregivers alive longer. Emergency Plan funding also will pay for one person to motivate and support the Local AIDS Council to establish a Care and Support Task Team in Maluti-a-Phofung Municipality in order to improve local co-ordination of HBC and other related programs. The project will use the Task Team as a vehicle to bring child health issues, especially children made vulnerable by HIV and AIDS issues, to the agenda of the Local AIDS Council.
- In 2006, SCUK will continue to strengthen vertical and horizontal linkages between Coordination Structures to support Children affected by HIV/AIDS to ensure that significant numbers of OVC will indirectly benefit from Emergency Plan funding. At the municipal level, the project will increase the co-ordination capacity and institutional strength of the three recently formed and one additional OVC Task Teams. At the District level, SCUK will continue to represent the project through active membership of the District AIDS Council (DAC) and vigorously encourage the Local AIDS Council's ability to provide coordination and leadership for programs to combat HIV and AIDS throughout the district. At the Provincial level in the Free State, Emergency Plan funds will continue to be used to provide material and technical support to the newly formed DSD post of Coordinator of the Provincial Action Committee for Children Affected by HIV & AIDS (PACCA). The project will use this support to leverage collaboration between different stakeholders and the districts to rapidly expand OVC programming.

## **South African National Blood Service**

### ***Program Areas:***

- HIV Prevention

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2004

### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Health
- National Department of Education

### ***Provinces:***

- Eastern Cape
- Free State
- Gauteng
- KwaZulu-Natal
- Limpopo
- Mpumalanga
- Northern Cape
- North West

## **SUMMARY:**

South African National Blood Service (SANBS) will use Emergency Plan funds to carry out activities that strengthen SANBS infrastructure to ensure an adequate supply of safe blood to patients. The four focus areas for the activities are: Donor Base expansion, Training, Logistics Management, and Information Systems. The SANBS operates in 27 branches in eight provinces (all but Western Cape), and has benefited from Emergency Plan funds since 2004. Activities are undertaken in collaboration with the National Departments of Health and Education.

## **HIV PREVENTION:**

The activities proposed for 2006 aim to improve the quality of the blood service; ensure the availability of safe blood; strengthen the infrastructure for the collection, testing and distribution of safe blood; and improve the overall management structure of the blood service.

- Donor Base Expansion: Efforts are focused on expanding the donor base beyond the current group of ageing donors to a younger and more demographically representative group. An important element is to coordinate activities with the Departments of Health and Education. The aim is to educate potential young donors to protect themselves from HIV infection, and in so doing becoming safe donors. A combination of perception survey outcomes (KAP study) and geodemographic segmentation analysis will define and identify effective recruitment strategies in geographic areas previously untargeted. Marketing, communication and education strategies will be developed and implemented to be culture and language-specific. Activities will be demand driven to ensure sufficient safe blood, and that 50% of donations are group O in 2006.
- Training: Activities will focus on human resource development and addressing the skills shortage through training programs for technicians, technologists, and donor collection and recruitment staff. Appropriate training materials will be developed and continuous professional educational programs for specialist technical and donor staff will be implemented.

- Logistic Management: SANBS provides blood products to 592 hospitals in eight provinces. SANBS will develop and implement a national blood product inventory logistics and management system to ensure that blood and blood products are available in a timely manner to all blood patients.
- Information Technology (IT) Systems: The collection and analysis of management information will be achieved by aligning the present disparate IT systems and developing and implementing a customized data warehouse. Supporting systems and infrastructure will be put in place to ensure accurate and timely data collection. These activities will allow the optimal management of blood donors and blood inventory, and provide management information that will be used to measure the outcome of programs, and the impact thereof on blood safety and the availability of safe blood products.

## **South African National Defence Force: Masibambisane**

### ***Program Areas:***

- HIV Prevention
- Support for Orphans and Vulnerable Children
- HIV Counseling and Testing
- HIV Care and Support
- HIV Treatment
- Strategic Information

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2004

### ***Government Linkages:***

- South African National Defence Force

### ***Provinces:***

- All Provinces

### **SUMMARY:**

Masibambisane is an integrated prevention, care and treatment program in the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) addressing the management of HIV and AIDS within the SANDF and targeting SANDF members and dependants. This comprehensive program includes HIV Prevention, Support for Orphans and Vulnerable Children, HIV Counseling and Testing, HIV Care and Support, HIV Treatment, and Strategic Information.

### **HIV PREVENTION:**

Masibambisane will use 2006 Emergency Plan funds to continue its successful work training military chaplains, unit commanders and peer educators in the values and ethics based program, carrying out mass awareness and targeted intervention programs, and developing IEC materials and campaigns that stress Abstinence/Be Faithful (AB). In addition, 2006 funding will support the implementation of workplace programs with other prevention themes, including training on HIV and gender equity; substance abuse prevention; destigmatization and prevention of discrimination; prevention of occupational exposures; and training of DOD members to develop

and conduct prevention programs. Several of these programs include development of master trainers.

### **SUPPORT FOR ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN: (Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo and North West)**

Masibambisane will implement OVC intervention plans developed with 2005 Emergency Plan funding in four sites. Planned activities include training caregivers, establishing an OVC drop in center, and developing services to provide psychosocial support and palliative care, increased access to education, economic support, targeted food and nutrition support, reduction of stigma and discrimination in the identified communities and legal aid.

The Masibambisane program initiated the OVC program in 2005 by establishing a database on “military” OVC and initiating pilot projects at four sites to determine the needs and direction of services for OVC. The underlying principle was to establish networks within communities and to address the needs of OVC through collaborative partnerships. The four pilot projects will reach implementation phase in 2006 and will provide additional information for expansion in the future. The project is coordinated by the Directorate Social Work in the Military Health Services as a sub-program of Masibambisane and is implemented at the four sites through a local coordinator and a collaborative workgroup from the communities. The projects at the four sites will be expanded to other appropriate regions and integrated with home-based palliative care where appropriate.

### **HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING:**

Counseling and testing (CT) is viewed by the Masibambisane as a critical point of intervention for HIV prevention for all individuals, those testing negative and positive alike; it is further an entry point for palliative care and treatment. Masibambisane will expand its HIV CT programs in 2006 with the establishment of one additional centralized counseling and testing center (Durban), an expansion of CT training to all health care workers in military facilities, and the establishment of routine testing of high risk groups.

### **HIV CARE AND SUPPORT:**

The Masibambisane program will use 2006 Emergency Plan funds to carry out clinic, hospital, hospice and community-based activities for HIV-infected and affected individuals and their families in the South African military. The care and support is multi-professional and includes nursing care, medical care and psychosocial, nutritional and spiritual support for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA), as well as limited nutritional support for malnourished PLWHA. The program also will support the development and implementation of a comprehensive palliative care plan. Masibambisane is currently conducting needs assessments to determine specific needs in each of the nine regions. Activities include:

- Capacity development towards palliative and terminal care through the establishment of step down care facilities in the nine regions within military communities; upgrading or sourcing of hospice services; and training of health care providers in each of the nine regions.
- Support to home-based care (HBC) providers through establishing a HBC provider data base; provision of training to HBC providers as identified in the various regions; and sourcing of HBC packages and IEC material.
- Establishment of a PLWHA support network and workshop to address ways to prevent stigmatization and discrimination as well as strategies to ensure more counseling and testing and positive living.

**HIV TREATMENT:**

SANDEF will continue its phased rollout of antiretroviral treatment (ART) for the South African military by building capacity among health care workers and pharmacists, equipping pharmacies, and carrying out a pilot project on drug adherence. Funding also will support the provisioning of antiretroviral (ARV) drugs for military members and their dependents. Specific activities include:

- **Capacity Building:** Masibambisane will prepare health care workers and specifically pharmacists as the rollout phases progress, through supportive supervision. This activity also will include the purchase of equipment in some pharmacies, such as appropriate cooling equipment, and upgrading of existing pharmacy consultation rooms where the need exists.
- **Training:** Masibambisane will train the various health care workers within the multi-professional team to ensure appropriate treatment with IEC support. The goal is to train most of the South African Military Health Service multi-professional team members in ART and PMTCT.
- **Adherence Initiative:** Masibambisane will implement a pilot project on drug adherence at some of the first rollout sites, using the motivational interviewing technique. This activity will involve training for personnel at the sites in the interviewing technique and pilot implementation. Pending results of the pilot, this technique may be implemented more broadly in the organization.

**STRATEGIC INFORMATION:**

Masibambisane is a comprehensive program with complex reporting and planning requirements. The program will use Emergency Plan funding to expand the current data management systems used for monitoring and evaluating Masibambisane program components, train key staff in monitoring and evaluation (M&E) and data quality, support focused prevalence studies on targeted populations, and undertake strategic planning. Strategic Information funding also supports an annual Knowledge, Attitude, Practice (KAP) study to monitor knowledge, attitudes and practices within the Department of Defense. The main thrust of these activities is to ensure the quality of data used to report and plan activities for this important program that reaches thousand of individuals in the South African military with prevention, care and treatment.

## **Starfish**

### ***Program Areas:***

- Support for Orphans and Vulnerable Children

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2004

### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Social Development

### ***Provinces:***

- Eastern Cape
- Free State
- Gauteng
- Limpopo
- Mpumalanga
- North West

## **SUMMARY:**

Starfish will use Emergency Plan funds to provide a holistic package of services to care for OVC through community-based programs in Free State, Gauteng, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Eastern Cape and North West provinces. Starfish implements activities in 26 communities in the six provinces, working in collaboration with the National Department of Social Development.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Starfish aims to ensure that as many OVC in South Africa as possible grow up in their own communities to be healthy, educated, socially well-adjusted adults. Starfish funds local partner organizations to provide care and support to OVC and their primary caregivers. Currently, Starfish supports 53 communities in eight provinces, through 20 implementing partners. Emergency Plan funding supports the *Starfish Cares 4 Kids* project implemented by two local sub-partners, Heartbeat and Hands at Work, in 26 communities in five provinces.

HEARTBEAT (HB) aims to alleviate the suffering of OVC by facilitating change in communities through six primary programs: Volunteerism; Advocacy; Community support; Relief (material and nutritional); Parenting; and Children's Empowerment (including psychosocial support, child protection and participation, social security, health care and education). Their model is based on four principles: children's rights, community-based care, holistic service delivery and partnerships.

HANDS AT WORK IN AFRICA (HAW) is based on the Masoyi Home-Based Care model which equips local volunteers and communities to provide for themselves; provides quality care for terminally and chronically ill patients, especially those with HIV and AIDS; provides care to OVC; and provides school dropouts and post-matriculants the opportunity to learn life skills.

## **SUPPORT FOR ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN:**

Starfish will implement the following activities with Emergency Plan funding:

- Starfish through HAW and HB will contribute towards the work of community care workers (CW) and Primary caregivers (PCG) who have OVC assigned to their care. CW build strong bonds with these OVC, often fulfilling the role of a substitute parent.

Weekly visits allow them to determine nutritional and schooling needs; refer OVC for medical attention; impart home skills; and detect abuse and exploitation. CW are the backbone of the Starfish programs. To contribute towards a safe and secure environment, blankets and mattresses and some school uniform items will be provided for OVC.

- Educational and psychosocial support programs link OVC to psychological and emotional care. Starfish will support a youth development program, kids' camps, OVC support groups, primary caregiver support groups, a homework assistance program (including after-school centers), memory workshops, child participation training and buddy training. Kid's camps and children support groups will focus primarily on life skills such as gender equality, child protection, sexuality, HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and reproductive health. The youth development plan, "Survive Your Life", focuses particularly on abstinence and faithfulness.
- Training conducted with CW and PCG focuses on food gardening, basic counseling skills, basic health assessment (biannual), dealing with children's grief, child participation, and civil rights and responsibilities (being able to identify child abuse and speaking out about it). PCG support groups will create a network of carers who will provide peer support for each other, mitigating their individual burden of care. It also will be a forum to disseminate information about community and government resources. OVC with acute health problems identified by PCG will be referred to a trained community nurse or to nurses who may manage or refer the OVC to higher levels of care. The project includes sustainable food and nutrition interventions through maintaining existing food gardens and or establishing new ones. Emergency-feeding schemes distributing soya porridge to severely malnourished OVC will be implemented. A garden nursery will be established as an income-generating project for PCG, from which seedlings for project gardens also will be obtained. Thirty PCG (each supporting a family) also will receive sewing and beading training, increasing their access to income. Another 120 OVC will be trained in marketable skills i.e. a one year skills-building training where welding, plumbing, and brick making and laying skills are provided.
- Starfish will support government social workers to assist and increase OVC access to economic support by accessing social grants and providing legal aid by obtaining birth certificates. Starfish will support the training and mentoring of PCG from newly formed community OVC organizations over a two-year period, capacitating them to run successful community-based OVC programs and thereby extending reach.

## **University of KwaZulu-Natal/Natal University for Health: PMTCT Strategic Information**

### ***Program Areas:***

- Strategic Information

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2006

### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Health

### ***Provinces:***

- All Provinces



**SUMMARY:**

The University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) will use Emergency Plan funds to implement a pilot project to conduct a second HIV test for those pregnant women at 34-36 weeks gestation who tested negative at their first antenatal care visit (at approximately 20 weeks gestation). *Note that due to a funding delay, these activities will take place in 2006 using 2005 funding.*

**BACKGROUND:**

The national guidelines for PMTCT allow for a pregnant woman to be tested once during the course of her pregnancy. This means that irrespective of when the first antenatal visit occurs, pregnant women will be counseled and if in agreement tested at this point. Since most women normally attend antenatal care for the first time during 20-25 weeks gestation, the CT component of the PMTCT program usually occurs early on in a women's pregnancy. This means that if a woman seroconverts after an HIV test has been conducted, she is still considered to be HIV-negative and she will not have the opportunity to enroll in the PMTCT program. The same applies for women who are in the window period. Furthermore, women who refuse testing are not given a second opportunity to test at subsequent visits. The national PMTCT Steering Committee is concerned that there may be substantial numbers of women who are not in the PMTCT program because they believe that they are negative based on the results of the HIV test conducted during early pregnancy. In addition, data from the KwaZulu-Natal sentinel surveillance indicated that 30% of infants born to women who tested HIV-negative during pregnancy are in fact HIV-positive.

**STRATEGIC INFORMATION:**

This pilot project will establish pilot sites in each of the nine provinces to begin implementation of repeat HIV testing for pregnant women. The second opportunity for CT will occur between gestational week 32 and labor. In some cases, women will not return for any additional antenatal care. These women will be offered the opportunity to test after delivery, as current policy does not allow for CT during labor. This will ensure that if in fact the mother is positive, the neonate can still receive the appropriate care. Following the determination of number of HIV-positive women missed during the first antenatal visit recommendations for the rollout for a second opportunity to undergo CT during pregnancy and labor will be developed.

## US Department of State: Small Grants Fund

### ***Program Areas:***

- HIV Prevention
- Support for Orphans and Vulnerable Children
- HIV Care and Support

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2005

### ***Government Linkages:***

- Each Small Grant recipient works with local government authorities, as appropriate.

### ***Provinces:***

- Eastern Cape
- Free State
- Gauteng
- KwaZulu-Natal
- Limpopo
- Mpumalanga
- North West
- Western Cape

### **SUMMARY:**

The Ambassador's HIV/AIDS Small Grants Program will use Emergency Plan funds to continue to support South Africa's most promising small community organizations making significant contributions to the fight against HIV/AIDS. In Free State, there is currently one Small Grants recipient providing community-based services with Emergency Plan funding.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Ambassador's HIV/AIDS Small Grants Program in South Africa has had a tremendously successful first year. Out of over 350 applications, the Mission has entered into agreements with 50 small community-based organizations in the areas of prevention, hospice care, home-based care (HBC), treatment support and care for OVC. Funded programs are located in eight provinces, primarily in rural areas. The average funding amount is under \$10,000. All programs supported with Small Grants funds provide service delivery that directly impacts communities and people affected by HIV and AIDS.

The Mission has established guidelines and review procedures to ensure that strong applications are considered for funding through a fair and transparent process. Grants are supervised through each Consulate by State Department small grants coordinators.

### **HIV PREVENTION:**

Currently, 14 community-based organizations in six provinces are carrying out HIV prevention activities with Emergency Plan funding. Because comparatively few applicants requested small grants funding for prevention programs in 2005, South Africa does not plan to provide small grants in the prevention area in 2006, focusing efforts on successful small grants in provision of Support for Orphans and Vulnerable Children, and HIV Care and Support. *Note that HIV prevention activities will take place in 2006 with 2005 funding.*

## **SUPPORT FOR ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN:**

The Ambassador's Small Grants Fund supports 11 OVC projects in six provinces. The following are examples of the community-based programs receiving support through this fund.

- Christine Revell Children's Home in Athlone, Western Cape, is home to 49 children between birth and five years. Some are orphaned after their parents have died of AIDS, and currently 35% have tested positive for HIV. The home addresses special needs of young children and emphasizes placing children with foster families or relatives before age five. Many of the children are sick and suffer from recurring illnesses. The grant of \$10,000 will purchase medical supplies, support HIV training for staff members, and fund the installation of appropriate safety equipment, including fire extinguishers and emergency exits.
- Mother of Peace is an FBO in Lower Illovo, KwaZulu-Natal operating an orphan home and drop-in center on the premises of an abandoned hostel. Currently there are 22 children residing on the property, most between the ages of 6 months and two years. Five are HIV-positive. Emergency Plan funds (\$10,000) will enable Mother of Peace to provide proper equipment for the drop-in center to serve an estimated 60 additional orphans, including infirmary equipment, classroom material, a filing cabinet and rubbish bins.
- The Nazareth House/Lizo Nobanda Day Care Center operates a day care center and residential project for HIV-positive, orphaned or abused children in Kyayelitsha Township. The center operates out of a former pre-school building originally designed for 40 children, but now serving 70 or more children daily. A \$10,000 grant will be used to purchase medical kits, eating utensils and a washer and dryer. The grant also will fund early childhood educational training for five staff members.

## **HIV CARE AND SUPPORT:**

The Ambassador's Small Grants Fund supports 30 HIV Care and Support projects in six provinces. The following are examples of the community-based programs receiving support through this fund.

- Tshepong Fountain HIV/AIDS Support Group: This small CBO is located in a township in the North West Province, a community faced with the challenges of unemployment, crime and an ever increasing HIV/AIDS infection rate. This community is fortunate to have a group of volunteers who are providing home-based care and HIV awareness campaigns. The grant of \$8,280 will be used to strengthen this home-based care project by purchasing caregivers kits, first aid kits and bicycles. The bicycles will provide needed transportation to efficiently travel between patients. The caregivers will receive a small stipend which will show they are recognized for the contribution that they make in this community.
- Maboloka HIV/AIDS Awareness Organization: This CBO is located in a rural area in the North West Province. Several years ago, a group of young energetic volunteers began an HIV/AIDS Awareness project. Today, they are operating a 10 bed hospice (which serves 160 patients per year), and delivering home-based care to 80 patients on a daily basis. The grant of \$9,700 will be used to purchase equipment for the hospice (medicine cabinet, disposable supplies, and a refrigerator to store medications). Funds also will provide caregiver's kits to the home-based caregivers. Volunteer caregivers and counselors will attend trainings to improve the services they provide to the patients.
- Eastern Cape Gender and Development Program: This CBO is a volunteer-run home-based care project in the Eastern Cape Province in which home-based caregivers reach out to a community on the outskirts of East London. The community is overcrowded

and experiences the challenges of high unemployment, high crime rates and an HIV/AIDS infection rate of 22%. A grant of \$5,700 will greatly improve this project and enhance the impact on this community. Caregiver's kits and training will improve services rendered to patients. Family workshops and HIV prevention workshops spread a powerful message of living positively and empowering those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS to better understand the disease.

## ***B. Partners Implementing Projects with Nation-wide Scope***

### **Association of Schools of Public Health / Harvard School of Public Health**

#### ***Program Areas:***

- HIV Prevention
- Systems Strengthening

#### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2000

#### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Health
- Provincial Departments of Health
- National Department of Education
- Provincial Departments of Education
- National Department of Social Development
- South African Police Services
- National Department of Correctional Services

#### ***Provinces:***

- Nation-wide Scope

### **SUMMARY:**

Through the South Africa Peer Education Support Institute (SAPESI), the Association of Schools of Public Health/Harvard School of Public Health will continue to support HIV prevention activities delivered through rigorous peer education programs in schools, higher education institutions, FBOs and CBOs, clinics, sport and recreation programs, and workplace programs in the public and private sectors. Harvard works on the national level with the National Departments of Health, Education, Social Development and Correctional Services, and the South African Police Services. Harvard implements activities in six provinces, working with the Provincial Departments of Health and Education.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Providing accredited training and technical assistance, standards and policy innovations, materials and tool development, uniform data collection, and targeted evaluation, SAPESI is the linchpin of an unprecedented national system delivering rigorous peer education in schools, FBOs and CBOs, clinics, sport and recreation programs, higher education, and public and private sector workplaces.

This project is a continuation, expansion and institutionalization of an initiative started in 2001 and supported in 2005 with PEPFAR funding. SAPESI is a collaboration among HSPH, the Nelson Mandela Metropole University (NMMU), and the Higher Education HIV/AIDS Programme, each with its own source of support (the NMMU Trust and the EU, respectively). SAPESI builds on a four-year national consultative process which led to consensus on the goals, essential elements and standards of practice for peer education programs, and a suite of materials and tools in wide circulation (Rutanang). Work with National and Provincial Departments of Health and Education has been ongoing; work with FBOs and the South African Police Services

workplace initiative began in 2005; and systematic work with DOH clinics and sport and recreation programs will begin in 2006.

### **HIV PREVENTION:**

SAPESI will provide training and ongoing technical assistance; information, communication, and education materials and tools; policy guidelines; and assistance with linkages, community mobilization, and strategic information as part of its systemic capacity development for peer education programs addressing HIV prevention in a variety of settings. The Institute will prepare and coordinate certified trainers from a variety of sectors and geographic areas. For all audiences, SAPESI emphasizes the benefits and rewards of primary and secondary abstinence, delay of sexual onset, and fidelity. However, for many populations (inmates, out-of-school youth, some high school learners, university students, and adults) it is also necessary to address information, attitudes and skills concerning reduction in number of partners, condom use for those who are not abstinent, improved diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted infection (STI), and promotion of counseling and testing (CT). In all settings, a persistent reconsideration of male roles and behavior, reductions in gender violence and discrimination, and encouragement of participation in organizational governance are critical SAPESI peer education prevention strategies. Peer education activities at public and private sector worksites also emphasize the roles audiences play as parents, grandparents and guardians, and prepare them to promote abstinence and sexual safety for their children.

### **SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING:**

Emergency Plan funding will support the development of a set of national guidelines and tools to systematize rigorous, measurable and sustainable peer education coordinated across government departments; translating peer education guidelines into formal South Africa Quality Assurance (SAQA) unit standards; education of multisectoral policymaking bodies; the development and implementation of standardized monitoring and evaluation tools; and the development of a database on peer education activities conducted by implementing partners.

## **Boston University: AIDS Economic Impact Surveys**

### ***Program Areas:***

- HIV Treatment

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2003

### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Health

### ***Provinces:***

- Nation-wide Scope

### **SUMMARY:**

Boston University (BU) will use Emergency Plan funds to expand an ongoing analysis of cost and cost-effectiveness of models of treatment delivery in South Africa, results of which will be used to inform future planning by the South African Government and the US Government programs in South Africa.

## **HIV TREATMENT:**

The US Government supports a wide range of treatment delivery models in South Africa, including public sector, private sector, and NGO-based programs. BU was requested in 2005 to examine cost and cost-effectiveness of alternative models of treatment delivery, building on the Population Council/Horizons study which documents the various treatment models being used by Emergency Plan implementing partners in South Africa. In 2006, BU will expand on the cost and cost-effectiveness activity to include a larger number of models and/or sites, in an analysis that will generate information about which models of treatment delivery are successfully treating the largest number of patients at the lowest cost, which characteristics of delivery systems are most important, and whether patient medical outcomes are affected by the model of treatment delivery.

## **Cinema Corporate Creations**

### ***Program Areas:***

- PMTCT

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2004

### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Health (MCWH, PMTCT and Nutrition Directorates)

### ***Provinces:***

- Nation-wide Scope

## **SUMMARY:**

On request of the National Department of Health, Cinema Corporate Creations will use Emergency Plan funding to update the content of videos describing the SAG PMTCT program, and to translate the productions into six additional languages. The videos are aimed at pregnant women and used in health facilities offering PMTCT services. Cinema Corporate Creations works in close collaboration with the National Department of Health on this project. *Note that due to a funding delay, these activities will take place in 2006 using 2005 funding.*

## **BACKGROUND:**

Due to the rapid expansion of the South African Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission program, little emphasis was placed on raising community awareness for PMTCT service delivery. As a result, communities have been significantly unaware of and unprepared to support the PMTCT program, and uptake for services is low. In order to address this gap, the National Department of Health, with technical and financial assistance from CDC, developed a series of PMTCT and Infant Feeding videos aimed at pregnant women attending antenatal care. To date the video has been developed in five languages. The PMTCT program video describes all aspects of the PMTCT program by following a pregnant woman through the PMTCT program from her first antenatal visit through the one-year testing of her infant. The aim of the video is to educate pregnant women, in facilities where PMTCT services are offered, about the various components of the PMTCT Program, providing pregnant women a deeper understanding of the PMTCT program prior to individual counseling sessions. The program video empowers women with basic knowledge to make an informed decision regarding HIV testing and participation in the PMTCT program.

**PMTCT:**

As a result of recent research findings that highlight Nevirapine resistance, a process and outcome evaluation of the videos, the National HIV Comprehensive Plan, and the new WHO PMTCT recommendations, funding will be used to update the content of the PMTCT videos currently in use by NDOH. In addition, this project will result in the production of the videos in six national languages, and cover the costs of copying and distributing 3,500 videos to health facilities around the country. It is anticipated that the videos will increase awareness and demand for PMTCT, and increase use of a complete course of ARV prophylaxis by HIV-positive pregnant women.

**Dira Sengwe: Support for 3<sup>rd</sup> South African National HIV/AIDS Conference*****Program Areas:***

- Systems Strengthening

***Project Initiation:***

- 2006

***Government Linkages:***

- None (Conference Organizer)

***Provinces:***

- Nation-wide Scope

**SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING:**

The Emergency Plan will provide support for the 3<sup>rd</sup> South African National HIV/AIDS Conference in June 2007. The conference will bring together scientists; government health workers; and religious, private sector, and civil society leaders to promote a dialogue among all partners involved in HIV/AIDS throughout South Africa. The conference will provide a forum to review accomplishments after three years of implementing the Operational Plan for Comprehensive HIV and AIDS Care, Management, and Treatment. The conference also will provide an opportunity to examine the challenges in providing effective and efficient HIV prevention, care, and treatment services and assist in developing a future direction for the national response to HIV/AIDS.



## **IBM/Joint Economic AIDS and Poverty Program (JEAPP)**

### ***Program Areas:***

- Support for Orphans and Vulnerable Children

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2005

### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Social Development

### ***Provinces:***

- Nation-wide Scope

### **SUMMARY:**

This project is being implemented at the request of the National Department of Social Development (DSD). IBM will conduct a multi-phase project, which was initiated in 2005, and which will continue over the next two or three years to develop a comprehensive OVC management information system (MIS). The project will function at the local, provincial and national levels. The MIS project will be governed by a Steering Committee made up of the DSD, USAID, UNICEF, Joint Economic AIDS and Poverty Program (JEAPP), DfID, Save the Children, and Nelson Mandela Children's Fund.

### **SUPPORT FOR ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN:**

The project will have three phases:

- The first phase of the project will begin immediately and involves a situational analysis of OVC data to provide an understanding of: existing databases for OVC (in South Africa and regionally); the information available on children (within other SAG Departments and NGOs); the physical location/distribution of OVC across provinces; the models of care used for caring for children nationally and internationally; and available policies and programs on OVC in the region. Gaps identified through this exercise will then inform the development of a permanent OVC MIS. Funding for Phase 1 will be provided by UNICEF, AusAID and Measure Evaluation.
- The second phase of the project will be to implement a pilot MIS within one province based on the recommendations that are identified in Phase 1. The pilot will include the development of data capture tools, revisions to the current human resource and data flow structures of the provincial DSD, database implementation and training at all levels. This pilot will be monitored closely by the Steering Committee to ensure that it meets the needs of local, provincial and national DSD staff. This work will be done through a sub-contract from IBM.
- Based on the results of the pilot, the project will be taken to scale to all nine provinces and feed up to a national level MIS. It is anticipated that this will be in place by January 2007.

## **JHPIEGO**

### ***Program Areas:***

- TB/HIV
- HIV Treatment
- Strategic Information

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2003

### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Health

### ***Provinces:***

- Nation-wide Scope

### **SUMMARY:**

In 2006 JHPIEGO will continue its work with the National and Provincial Departments of Health to increase capacity in the areas of strategic information, TB/HIV and HIV Treatment through training, guideline development and the implementation of a Training Information Management System (TIMS). JHPIEGO implements activities in collaboration with the National and Provincial Departments of Health.

### **BACKGROUND:**

JHPIEGO is an international NGO that assists host country policy makers, program managers and trainers to increase access to and improve quality of health care services. TIMS is a computer-based tool that permits program managers to collect and analyze data on training activities. As most training activities in South Africa occur within decentralized settings, it is currently difficult to calculate both the number of training activities and their geographical reach. TIMS allows program managers to capture these data, and use them to improve allocation of resources and provider deployment, as well as inform policy decisions.

### **TB/HIV:**

JHPIEGO will help the National Department of Health (NDOH) TB unit to decentralize use of training data, including TB/HIV linkages in four provinces (Eastern Cape, Gauteng, Limpopo and North West). These activities are in addition to and supplement the systems working at the national level. JHPIEGO, with 2005 Emergency Plan funding, is installing TIMS and training program managers at the NDOH TB unit and is in the process of linking data collection at provincial sites to the national level TIMS, by installation of TIMS at four provincial DOH TB units. In 2006, JHPIEGO will roll out the installation and use of the TIMS to four provincial TB Units. JHPIEGO will assist the sites to use of data for deployment, determining training needs and program management.

### **HIV TREATMENT:**

JHPIEGO will continue to assist the National Department of Health (NDOH) in the following activities:

- JHPIEGO will assist the NDOH to train facilitators and implement dissemination of four national guideline packages for treatment, care and support to provincial coordinators via user-friendly orientation packages. This activity will be carried out in all nine provinces.

- JHPIEGO will support two HIV/AIDS experts as consultants at the Treatment and Care Subdirectorate (TCS) of the NDOH to assist NDOH with the accelerated accreditation of antiretroviral treatment (ART) sites. JHPIEGO's work will include training of service providers in the national guidelines.
- JHPIEGO also will continue to collaborate with the Foundation for Professional Development in the implementation of a standards-based management approach to improve and increase access to quality ARV services. Assessments will be conducted to determine the level of improvement of performance standards at all sites.

### **STRATEGIC INFORMATION:**

JHPIEGO provides training and management and implementation tools to build the capacity of PMTCT Program managers in the area of strategic information through on-site supervision and implementation of interventions to improve monitoring and evaluation for PMTCT, and through installation and support of Training Information Monitoring Systems (TIMS) at the National and Provincial Departments of Health.

- JHPIEGO has worked to increase the capacity of government partners in the area of strategic information since 2004. By the end of 2005, JHPIEGO had trained approximately 250 HIV and AIDS program managers and coordinators from the national department of health and 8 provincial departments of health in monitoring and evaluation (M&E) fundamentals. Following completion of training, JHPIEGO provides intensive on-site supervision and follow-up to targeted sites. Using information generated from these on-site guided assessments, JHPIEGO will facilitate development of site-specific action plans that will be supported in 2006.
- In 2005, JHPIEGO also worked with national and provincial PMTCT units to implement TIMS. By March 2006, JHPIEGO will have installed TIMS at the national PMTCT unit and will have supported the flow of training data between provincial PMTCT course directors and the National program. Using 2006 Emergency Plan funds, JHPIEGO will continue to strengthen TIMS for PMTCT training activities and the flow of data between provincial course directors and the NDOH by assisting national and provinces with system development processes around data flow.

## **Kagiso**

### ***Program Areas:***

- PMTCT

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2003

### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Health

### ***Provinces:***

- Nation-wide Scope

### **PMTCT:**

Kagiso Communications received funding for this activity to conduct a PMTCT male involvement community mobilization project. The funding allocated will ensure continued

support and monitoring of the provincial integrated communication strategy developed during 2004 and implemented in 2005 with Emergency Plan funding. During 2005 integrated PMTCT communication strategies were adopted by provincial task teams in eight provinces. In order to ensure continued implementation of these strategies, Kagiso will continue to support provincial task teams in the implementation of the activities. *Note that due to a funding delay, these activities will take place in 2006 using 2005 funding.*

## **Leonie Selven**

### ***Program Areas:***

- PMTCT

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2006

### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Health

### ***Provinces:***

- Nation-wide Scope

## **SUMMARY:**

Leonie Selven Communications will develop training materials and an implementation strategy to improve community caregiver support in the national PMTCT program.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Leonie Selven Communications has been working in collaboration with the National Department of Health and US Centers for Disease Control to compile the training curriculum and counseling tools for nurses in the PMTCT program. Currently, the VCT component of PMTCT is conducted by community caregivers. These community caregivers do not form part of the formal facility staff, but are employed through NGOs and placed within health care facilities to assist with pre- and post-test HIV counseling, infant feeding counseling and running of support groups. In addition, if provided with adequate skills, these community caregivers can play a role in working directly with communities to increase uptake for PMTCT, address issues of stigma, and follow-up of infants. However, since the community caregivers are from NGOs, supervision, training and roles and responsibilities vary greatly. In order to address these issues, this project will put together a training strategy (incorporating all existing materials), and lay counselor strategy to facilitate better use of community caregivers within the health system.

## **PMTCT:**

Leonie Selven Communications will review all existing community caregiver curricula and videos and develop one uniform curriculum and a single training plan to roll out training to all NGOs who place community caregivers in antenatal care facilities and child health services. These standardized materials will replace the multiple training curricula currently used to train community caregivers around PMTCT. Once the standardized curriculum has been finalized, Leonie Selven will work with NGOs to build capacity to implement the training. In addition, Leonie Selven will develop tools or materials to improve the integration of community caregivers into the health care system, define the roles and responsibilities of community caregivers within the health service and help both nurses and community caregivers to collaborate to ensure

quality service delivery. During 2006 tools will be developed, piloted and finalized. Rollout of tools will take place during 2007. This strategy will improve functioning of the health care system and address some of the human resources issues that challenge service delivery.

## **Medical Research Council of South Africa (MRC) / HIV Prevention in Shebeens**

### ***Program Areas:***

- HIV Prevention

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2006

### ***Government Linkages:***

- To be determined

### ***Provinces:***

- Nation-wide Scope

## **HIV PREVENTION:**

These funds will support a public-private partnership with SAB Miller to initiate a pilot HIV prevention program focusing on the link between high-risk alcohol abuse and HIV transmission. Alcohol abuse has been identified as a substantial risk factor for HIV transmission. In this project, SAB Miller will implement a program with shebeen operators to utilize them to provide appropriate prevention messages. The Medical Research Council will help design and launch the initial intervention.

## **National Department of Health / CDC Support**

### ***Program Areas:***

- PMTCT
- HIV Prevention
- HIV Counseling and Testing
- TB/HIV
- HIV Treatment
- Strategic Information

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 1999

### ***Government Linkages:***

- All nine Provincial Departments of Health
- National Department of Health

**Provinces:**

- Nation-wide Scope

**SUMMARY:**

The Emergency Plan provides HIV/AIDS programmatic support to the National Department of Health (NDOH) to supplement their ongoing program. In addition, NDOH relies on CDC to implement activities that address NDOH's emerging priorities, providing financial and technical support more quickly than the systems of NDOH allow. Support is provided for NDOH in the following programmatic areas: PMTCT, HIV Prevention, HIV Counseling and Testing, TB/HIV, HIV Treatment and Strategic Information.

**PMTCT:**

Emergency Plan funds will provide technical assistance to NDOH to ensure the expansion and strengthening of PMTCT services in all nine provinces. The goal of the national PMTCT program is to reduce mother-to-child transmission of HIV by improving access to HIV testing and counseling in antenatal clinics, improving family planning services to HIV-positive women, and implementing clinical guidelines to reduce transmission during childbirth and labor. In addition, the national program is responsible for following infants born to HIV-positive women and ensuring that these infants are identified early and referred to treatment programs. The Emergency Plan supports the following NDOH PMTCT activities:

- Roll out PMTCT and Infant Feeding training to health care workers at the facility level: A training curriculum for PMTCT and infant feeding was finalized in 2004 and 2005 with support from the USG PMTCT implementation plan and the Emergency Plan. A trainers' guide, participants' guide and course directors' guide were produced. During 2006, funds will be used to ensure that all course directors and trainers have been updated on the finalized curriculum and that the curriculum is being implemented at the provincial level. Job aids and other tools will be developed to operationalize PMTCT at the clinic level and ensure linkages between PMTCT and antiretroviral treatment (ART) programs. Funding also will be used to help course directors implement provincial training plans to ensure that 4,500 healthcare workers are trained in 2006.
- Psychosocial support around early infant diagnosis: The NDOH has requested support to address psychosocial issues related to early infant diagnosis. To this end, the NDOH is developing a protocol for early infant diagnosis and implementing pilot PCR testing projects in two facilities per province. These pilot projects face challenges, primarily from local healthcare workers who are reluctant to conduct PCR testing on six week old infants. This Emergency Plan-funded activity will work with healthcare workers and family members from two facilities in Gauteng Province to help address the psychosocial issues associated with conducting HIV diagnostic tests on infants. This activity will contribute to a process resulting in early diagnosis of HIV-positive infants and their referral to ARV sites for monitoring, ensuring that they receive treatment at the appropriate time.
- Technical Assistance to NDOH: Technical assistance to the NDOH will be provided by two locally employed staff with relevant training and backgrounds in HIV/AIDS care and treatment. Technical assistance will focus on the development of protocols and guidelines, and will seek to address the challenges encountered while implementing and integrating PMTCT into routine maternal, child and women's health services.
- Infant Feeding Meeting: Emergency Plan funding will be used to convene a PMTCT stakeholders meeting to discuss the infant feeding policy and develop strategies to improve exclusive feeding in HIV-positive mothers. The aim of the meeting is to strengthen the infant feeding component of the PMTCT program.

- Pilot Project to increase PMTCT Uptake: This new project will be implemented in nine antenatal care facilities throughout South Africa (to be determined). These facilities will provide a safe space for counselors to conduct counseling and testing (CT) for pregnant women including an opportunity to pilot an “opt out” HIV testing policy.

### **HIV PREVENTION:**

Emergency Plan funds will support the following:

- CDC will hire a locally employed staff person to work with the NDOH in the design and delivery of their youth interventions in the area of HIV/AIDS treatment, care, and prevention.
- Emergency Plan funds will support the delivery of an intervention aimed at addressing the HIV risks faced by vulnerable populations in Cape Town, Durban and Pretoria (such as drug users, sex workers and men who have sex with men) and increasing their access to prevention, care and treatment.
- The Western Cape DOH will use Emergency Plan assistance to design and implement a rapid assessment of the population of older men involved in sexual relationships with younger women. The results of the assessment will guide the design of prevention programs targeting men’s risk behavior.

### **HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING:**

At the request of NDOH, CDC will use Emergency Plan funds to (1) hire two full-time CT technical advisors to be placed at NDOH to assist with coordination of CT activities; and (1) enhance capacity of NDOH CT staff by providing support for the NDOH’s annual CT technical meeting, and sponsoring NDOH CT staff attendance at the international AIDS conference.

### **TB/HIV:**

This project will improve systems and software to enhance NDOH’s capacity to conduct TB/HIV surveillance and monitor TB/HIV program performance, strengthen the integration of HIV and TB services, and improve services for co-infected individuals in all nine provinces. NTCP is working to include HIV testing and treatment data within the routine TB surveillance system. This is an important activity given the driving impact of HIV on the TB epidemic. Efforts are underway to expand access to provider-initiated HIV counseling and testing for TB patients as an entry point for HIV care and support services. The pace and coverage of this expansion can be better evaluated as HIV testing and care data are linked to the routine TB recording and reporting system. The system can also help to inform the degree to which TB patients are being offered opportunities for expanded HIV care and treatment.

WamTechnology, a private South African information systems provider, has been selected to assist CDC South Africa and the National Tuberculosis Control Program (NTCP) to develop software and provide user support for this activity.

### **HIV TREATMENT:**

Emergency Plan funding will support the NDOH in the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan by providing financial and technical assistance to ensure greater access to antiretroviral treatment (ART). The support activities include the following components:

- Support for staff costs for a locally hired CDC staffer to provide support to the NDOH when required in the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan;
- Support for integrated TB/HIV activities in sites providing ART through an evaluation of the extent to which national guidelines for TB screening, diagnosis, referral and care are being implemented in order to identify best practices for improved TB/HIV collaborative activities;

- Support for at least six meetings with external stakeholders providing ART to ensure proper coordination with the SAG, and to share lessons in implementing ART programs;
- Support for capacity building for the National Project Management Team in the NDOH, including the appointment of an additional locally hired staff person to strengthen the work of this management structure and to build project management skills;
- Support for the development and distribution of communication and marketing materials to the nine provincial management teams relating to ART.

#### **STRATEGIC INFORMATION:**

Emergency Plan funds will support the NDOH in its effort to implement M&E activities in its HIV/AIDS programs nationwide. CDC has provided technical support for M&E at both the national and provincial levels since 2003, including technical support in developing standard indicators, developing policies and guidelines and training tools. These funds will be used to expand the NDOH's M&E activities at the national and provincial levels. Activities include:

- **Training:** Funds will be used to conduct orientation sessions on M&E for HIV/AIDS program staff. These sessions will serve as a means of introducing new (and existing) M&E officers, and to provide staff with basic information on the importance of M&E, its objectives and the activities required to meet these goals. Staff also will receive training in the District Health Information System (DHIS), an electronic database currently used to track disease and health indicators nationwide, and in more sophisticated M&E techniques used in program planning. HIV/AIDS program staff will be trained in data management techniques.
- **New staff:** An expert in Strategic Information will be hired to provide technical assistance to the NDOH to support data use and analysis efforts within the NDOH.
- **GIS:** Emergency Plan funds also will support the development of a geographic information system (GIS) program in the NDOH.

### **National Department of Health / Cooperative Agreement**

#### ***Program Areas:***

- HIV Prevention
- Strategic Information

#### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2003

#### ***Government Linkages:***

- All nine Provincial Departments of Health
- National Department of Health

#### ***Provinces:***

- Nation-wide Scope

#### **SUMMARY:**

The Emergency Plan supports a cooperative agreement between the National Department of Health and the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC), providing financial and technical assistance in the areas of HIV Prevention and Strategic Information.



**HIV PREVENTION:**

Emergency Plan funds will support Abstinence/Be faithful (AB) prevention activities targeted to young people in South Africa. These funds will build infrastructure within the NDOH and expand the department's current AB activities. It is anticipated that NGOs currently funded by NDOH, and experienced in providing AB prevention activities will work with churches in rural areas to develop radio messages and train peer educators to reinforce the radio messages. Activities will be coordinated by the newly hired youth specialist at CDC and implemented in conjunction with Harvard School of Public Health peer education efforts.

**STRATEGIC INFORMATION:**

At the request of NDOH, CDC will use Emergency Plan funds in the form of a Cooperative Agreement with NDOH to hire and place 11 monitoring and evaluation (M&E) officers in information management offices at the national and provincial levels. Specifically, two officers will be placed at the NDOH, and the remaining nine will be placed in provincial DOH. These officers will support NDOH information gathering and reporting efforts and contribute to improving the flow of critical data within the department and among its external partners. The M&E officers will provide technical expertise in strategic information (SI), with a special emphasis on improving data flow within the provincial DOH (e.g., between districts and the provincial capital) and between the provinces and the national level. In addition to facilitating information flow, the officers will work to build local capacity in data management and the use of public health/epidemiological data for planning.

**National Institute for Communicable Diseases*****Program Areas:***

- Laboratory Infrastructure
- Strategic Information

***Project Initiation:***

- 2003

***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Health

***Provinces:***

- Nation-wide Scope

**SUMMARY:**

National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD) will use Emergency Plan funds to carry out priority projects in laboratory infrastructure and strategic information. These projects are carried out at the national level.

**LABORATORY INFRASTRUCTURE:**

NICD will use Emergency Plan funds to:

- Receive appropriate technical assistance and equipment to develop a national TB reference laboratory (NTBRL).
- Develop appropriate tools to assess rapid HIV test kits.

- Implement a quality management training program at HIV testing sites that use HIV rapid test kits.
- Implement an External Quality Assessment (EQA) program to monitor the performance of HIV viral assays.
- Implement an operational plan to scale up HIV diagnosis in infants.

#### **STRATEGIC INFORMATION:**

NICD will use 2006 Emergency Plan funds to:

- Enhance existing national surveillance by continuing and extending sentinel surveillance of opportunistic bacterial and fungal pathogens in HIV-infected individuals in nine provinces.
- Conduct monthly surveillance for syndromically diagnosed sexually transmitted infection (STI) in 270 sentinel sites in nine provinces.
- Coordinate and support the National Microbiological Surveillance Programme (NMSP) for STIs.
- Develop a program to assist national efforts in communicable disease surveillance by providing appropriate training for epidemiologists and laboratory workers.
- Collect trend data for HIV incidence in the evaluation of the BED assay as well as validation of the assay in general populations.
- Conduct HIV-1 drug resistance testing in drug naive and drug-treated persons.

### **Population Council / Frontiers: Post-Rape Care**

#### ***Program Areas:***

- HIV Prevention

#### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2004

#### ***Government Linkages:***

- Limpopo Provincial Department of Health

#### ***Provinces:***

- Nation-wide Scope (with implementation in Limpopo)

#### **SUMMARY:**

During 2006, Population Council/Frontiers, in collaboration with RADAR (Rural AIDS Development and Research) and other stakeholders, will apply lessons learned through previous Emergency Plan-funded pilot work, in order to consolidate a model for delivering post-rape care, including HIV post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) that is appropriate to resource poor areas, while aiming to assess and influence the current policy and health systems environment for scaling up this model. The model is implemented in Tintswalo Hospital in Limpopo, in collaboration with the Provincial Department of Health.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

In South Africa, a country with a rapidly escalating AIDS epidemic and high levels of sexual violence, rape survivors are a high risk group in need of targeted health services, including HIV

prevention. This ongoing project responds to South Africa's recent National Department of Health (NDOH) policy calling for provision of PEP following sexual assault. Individual hospitals, clinics, and NGOs are developing approaches to PEP delivery on an *ad hoc* basis, and with little systematic monitoring or evaluation. In the absence of standardized policies or guidelines, certified training curricula, or service delivery models, it is difficult for Provincial Departments of Health to know how best to scale-up sexual violence services and PEP at local and national levels.

### **HIV PREVENTION:**

This project is comprised of the following activities:

- **Training and Local Organization Capacity Development:** The project has established a coordinated post-rape program that has integrated post-rape services with existing counseling and testing (CT), HIV and other relevant hospital services, developed relevant hospital policies, guidelines and training materials, and implemented provider training for approximately 30 healthcare workers, pharmacists, police, and social workers.
- **Strategic information, Quality Assurance and Supportive Supervision, and IEC:** The project has established local monitoring and evaluation systems, and created linkages between health care providers, social workers, the police and community volunteers, in order to improve comprehensive care including PEP. Working with local partners, the NDOH, the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) and others, the project will continue to monitor quality of service delivery (including PEP uptake and adherence), while using this experience to develop standardized curricula and training qualifications, service delivery algorithms, referral mechanisms, and record-keeping systems relevant to wider scale-up.
- **Development of network/linkages/referral systems:** The project will work with the National and Provincial Departments of Health to understand existing policies, plans and budgets for introducing comprehensive post-rape services and PEP into provinces and districts.
- **Needs Assessment, and Policy and Guidelines:** Based on identified gaps in training models, policies, and guidelines relating to post-rape care and PEP, and identifying potential obstacles and opportunities, the project will generate recommendations for guiding further scale-up of post-rape services and PEP at provincial and national levels.

## **Population Council / Horizons: OVC and TB/HIV Assessments**

### ***Program Areas:***

- Support for Orphans and Vulnerable Children
- TB/HIV

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2004

### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Health
- National Department of Social Development

### ***Provinces:***

- Nation-wide Scope

## **SUPPORT FOR ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN:**

The National Departments of Health and Social Development and donors have all emphasized the need to document local OVC service delivery models. In response, this activity will document models of OVC care being provided by the Emergency Plan funded partners in South Africa. Particular areas of focus will include models of child-centered service delivery, comprehensive programming, strengthening family and community capacity and participation, and monitoring of services including quality. The network approach used will also be thoroughly documented and analyzed. A case study approach will be used to document and understand both horizontal and vertical network relationships which will contribute to determining which OVC network models address the continuum of beneficiaries' needs and have the potential for scale-up and sustainability. The study results will contribute to improved design and management of OVC programs, and will document the added value OVC programs offer.

## **TB/HIV:**

Horizons will conduct an analysis of the models to integrate HIV and TB services used by Emergency Plan partners. Through case studies, the network approaches to service provision used by Emergency Plan partners will be thoroughly documented, including the network components, approaches to the integration of HIV and TB, and types of linkages and referral systems. Analysis of the network model will address the strengths and weakness of various configurations and approaches to linking and increasing the coverage and quality of HIV and TB services. The study also will explore practices in management of HIV/TB co-infection with regard to initiation of ART in HIV-positive patients co-infected with TB, follow up of these clients, links between the services, and compliance of these programs with national guidelines. This analysis will contribute to determining which models of TB/HIV integration address the continuum of needs of beneficiaries and have the potential for scale-up and sustainability.

## **Soul City**

### ***Program Areas:***

- HIV Prevention
- HIV Treatment

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2005

### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Health
- National Department of Education
- Department of Public Service Administration

### ***Provinces:***

- Nation-wide Scope

## **SUMMARY:**

Soul City implements HIV Prevention and HIV Treatment activities with Emergency Plan funding as part of a broad intervention funded by a number of donors. Soul City is the largest public broadcast vehicle for HIV and AIDS awareness in South Africa. Soul City implements its

activities in collaboration with the National Departments of Health, Education and Public Service Administration.

### **BACKGROUND:**

These activities are ongoing. The Soul City and Soul Buddyz media platforms (both complemented by community outreach activities) are multiyear initiatives focused on HIV/AIDS education. Soul City has been operational since 1994, and Soul Buddyz since 2001. The Soul Buddyz Club, a Soul Buddyz intervention, has been operational for three years. Soul City's community based training has been operational for four years. Soul City conducts regular independent assessments of its activities and their impact.

### **HIV PREVENTION:**

Soul City proposes using Emergency Plan funds to conduct four media activities to promote integrated HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment programs.

- Soul City Series 8 comprises TV episodes aimed at a family audience and broadcast during prime time. It also includes 60 fifteen-minute radio episodes in nine languages, as well as a 36 page color booklet for adults printed in nine languages. Issues to be covered include HIV/AIDS and all aspects of treatment, ongoing messages about prevention and stigma, including the promotion of abstinence, faithfulness, treatment literacy and counseling and testing (CT). The series also will cover masculinity and gender with particular reference to HIV/AIDS. Marketing will promote and link the above materials. Emergency Plan funding will be used to support approximately 30% of this activity.
- Soul Buddyz 4 comprises (1) TV drama episodes aimed at children and their parents; (2) TV episodes aimed at children to be broadcast in children's time the day after the broadcast of an existing drama called "Buddyz on the Move"; (3) radio episodes in nine languages; (4) a parenting book in four languages; (5) grade seven life skills book that will be distributed to pupils; and (6) marketing to promote and link these materials. The topics for Soul Buddyz series 4 cover HIV/AIDS from a child's perspective, focusing on the impact of HIV/AIDS on children's lives and on the school system, particularly where the death of a parent has occurred. Soul Buddyz also will deal with the impact of the epidemic on the school system in terms of stigma and absenteeism of teachers and children. The series will continue to include prevention messages, in particular the promotion of abstinence and faithfulness. It also educates children about treatment. Emergency Plan funding will be used to support approximately 30% of this activity.
- Based on the Soul Buddyz intervention, Soul Buddyz Club is a community mobilization intervention aimed at children, based mainly in schools and facilitated voluntarily by teachers. Children in the clubs learn about life skills covered in the Soul Buddyz series and are encouraged to do outreach work in their schools, families and communities. Twenty-one hundred clubs already exist nationwide, and in 2006 Soul City will establish an additional 400 clubs. The content focus of the clubs will be AIDS and its impact on schools; Abstinence/Be Faithful (AB), sexuality and focusing on the prevention of HIV transmission. Emergency Plan funding will be used to support approximately 40% of this activity.
- Soul City develops flexible training materials in five local languages that cover all aspects of the epidemic, in particular prevention stressing AB as well as ARV support and support for home-based care and OVC. These materials are provided to the general public and also are used by 15 partner NGOs using a cascade training model. Emergency Plan funding will be used to support approximately 40% of this activity.
- Emergency Plan funds will support two activities that will enhance the Heartlands Project and focus on HIV prevention and AB messages. First, Heartlands will mobilize and engage FBOs so they are included in the national debate on HIV/AIDS while

challenging their members to live healthy and productive lives. Heartlands will mobilize leaders of major faith-based groups and their membership before the broadcast of the films. Formal support from major religious leaders has already been achieved such as Bishops Tutu and Dandala, head of the All African Council of Churches. Informal FBO structures will also be mobilized through the use of written material that will be distributed at the congregational level and will include teaching guidelines on HIV/AIDS geared for this audience. Second, the films and parenting book will be adapted so FBOs can use them as teaching materials for small groups after the broadcasts. These materials will be distributed to the congregations that were mobilized. The films will also be adapted to be used as life skills materials for grade 10. Training for facilitators will be provided for at least 2,000 schools.

### **HIV TREATMENT:**

Soul City uses Emergency Plan funds to conduct three media activities to promote integrated HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment programs in South Africa. These three activities will contribute to the goals of getting people to start treatment at the appropriate stage in the disease and improving treatment compliance.

- Soul City Series 8 comprises TV episodes aimed at a family audience and broadcast during prime time. It also includes 60 fifteen-minute radio episodes in nine languages, as well as a 36 page color booklet for adults printed in nine languages. Issues to be covered include HIV/AIDS and all aspects of treatment, ongoing messages about prevention and stigma, including the promotion of abstinence, faithfulness, treatment literacy and counseling and testing (CT). The series also will cover masculinity and gender with particular reference to HIV/AIDS. Marketing will promote and link the above materials. Emergency Plan funding will be used to support approximately 30% of this activity.
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- Based on the Soul Buddyz intervention, Soul Buddyz Club is a community mobilization intervention aimed at children, based mainly in schools and facilitated voluntarily by teachers. Children in the clubs learn about life skills covered in the Soul Buddyz series and are encouraged to do outreach work in their schools, families and communities. Twenty-one hundred clubs already exist nationwide, and in 2006 Soul City will establish an additional 400 clubs. The content focus of the clubs will be AIDS and its impact on schools; Abstinence/Be Faithful (AB); sexuality and focusing on the prevention of HIV transmission. Emergency Plan funding will be used to support approximately 40% of this activity.
- Soul City develops flexible training materials in five local languages, used to train healthcare workers providing ART, people caring for children on ART as well as the general public. These materials cover all aspects of the epidemic, with particular focus

on ART, prevention stressing AB as well as support for home-based care and OVC. These materials are used by 16 partner NGOs using a cascade training model.

## **The Futures Group: Policy Project**

### ***Program Areas:***

- HIV Prevention
- HIV Care and Support
- Strategic Information
- Systems Strengthening

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2002

### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Health

### ***Provinces:***

- Nation-wide Scope

## **SUMMARY:**

The POLICY Project implements four programs in HIV Prevention, HIV Care and Support, Strategic Information and Systems Strengthening. POLICY activities are carried out primarily at the national level, in close collaboration with the National Department of Health. The HIV Care and Support work undertaken by POLICY is in collaboration with key civil society organizations in six provinces.

## **HIV PREVENTION:**

The POLICY Project will ensure the expanded delivery of Abstinence/Be Faithful (AB) prevention messages to faith-based organizations, Traditional Leaders and community-based organizations.

- **Traditional Leaders:** In 2001, a partnership between the National Department of Health (NDOH) and the Nelson Mandela Foundation yielded the formation of the National Traditional Leaders HIV/AIDS Forum and the development of a National Strategy by Traditional Leaders to address challenges of HIV/AIDS. POLICY designed and initiated the first phase of the 'Traditional Leaders' capacity building project in 2003. This project seeks to address male norms and behaviors by mobilizing communities to challenge high risk behavior in terms of masculinity and multiple sexual partners for boys. POLICY will implement a program comprised of three master trainer workshops that will train a total of 120 Traditional Leaders in three provinces. The Traditional Leaders will be provided with skills to implement AB prevention programs in their respective local communities especially targeting initiates (young men) at local initiation schools. The three provinces will be selected on the basis that they have Traditional Leader Structures and that they have areas prioritized as "poverty nodal areas". Following the master training, each Traditional Leader is expected to conduct five one-day workshops. The POLICY Project will provide limited financial support to Traditional Leaders to assist in the implementation of their AB programs, channeled through the respective Provincial AIDS Councils.

- Faith-based organizations: POLICY will provide training and technical and financial support to the National Baptist Church of South Africa (NBCSA), Crossroads Baptist Church (Cape Town), and Southern African Catholic Bishops Conference (SACBC) to support the development and rollout of their AB programs throughout South Africa. Through these FBOs, this project seeks to mobilize communities to address gender norms and behaviors that lead to increased risk of HIV infection, as well as address and mitigate stigma and discrimination in communities.

In addition, POLICY will address the gap in information and activities benefiting men who have sex with men (MSM) in South Africa through a collaborative effort with EngenderHealth, The Triangle Project, OUT, the Centre for the Study of AIDS at the University of Pretoria and the National Department of Health. This national activity will work to improve networks and linkages between organizations providing health services to HIV-positive men and those affected by HIV/AIDS as well as improve the capacity of organizations to provide services and advocate for the needs of MSM. Specific activities include:

- Facilitate a collaborative meeting between 15 key stakeholders from key SAG departments and civil society organizations (local and international), to discuss an integrated HIV prevention approach to target the MSM community in South Africa. The meeting will undertake a situational analysis of current MSM prevention programs to identify the needs of the MSM sector and to develop a coordinated strategy to respond to the identified needs.
- Facilitate a training of trainer's advocacy workshop for 20 program managers working to improve men's sexual health. The workshop will provide participants with skills and knowledge to articulate key policy and program issues in relation to MSM, specifically focusing on issues relating to stigma and discrimination, and male norms and behaviors.

### **HIV CARE AND SUPPORT:**

The POLICY Project will provide technical assistance to people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) organizations to assist them to provide quality palliative care and support to people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS. This is a new activity aimed at partnering with key civil society organizations including Young Living Ambassadors, the National Association of People Living with HIV/AIDS (NAPWA) and Western Cape-National AIDS Coordinating Committee of South Africa (WC-NACOSA) to develop a capacity building program for PLWHA organizations focused on providing palliative care to PLWHA at the community level. POLICY has key technical expertise and will draw on POLICY developed resources to support this activity (To the Other Side of the Mountain – A Toolkit for People Living with HIV and AIDS in South Africa, and the National guidelines to establish and maintain support groups for people living with and/or affected by HIV and AIDS, both developed with 2004 Emergency Plan funding) as well as key resources addressing HIV/AIDS stigma.

### **STRATEGIC INFORMATION:**

The POLICY Project will carry out capacity building activities and provide technical support to ensure improved national level financial planning and effective resource allocation for HIV/AIDS. The POLICY Project has significant expertise in providing assistance to governments and donors in planning and allocating future resources to manage national HIV/AIDS programs. This is an ongoing activity in South Africa, first initiated in 2001 with the collaboration of the National Department of Health (NDOH) and several other government departments. In 2004/5 the activities were funded by the Emergency Plan and were used to provide technical assistance (TA) and training for staff at the Health Financing and Economics Unit (HFEU) of the NDOH. POLICY has worked and will continue to work collaboratively



with the Health Economics Unit at the University of Cape Town to ensure continued support to the NDOH.

POLICY will carry out two separate activities in this program area, both of which work towards ensuring stable and effective short and long term health care financing. Both activities also will focus on training, so that staff members are able to work independently and apply the different models.

- POLICY will assist the HFEU in monitoring the cost implications of progress in implementing the government's comprehensive AIDS program through the application of the goals model to provide ongoing information and assistance to the NDOH to help them explore the costs and effects of different strategy options.
- The Health Economics Unit at the University of Cape Town will provide ongoing capacity support to the HFEU to enable them to develop strategic information regarding resource estimates for the Operational Plan for Comprehensive HIV and AIDS Care, Management and Treatment for South Africa that informs resource allocation by the South African Government (SAG).

### **SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING:**

The POLICY Project will help to strengthen institutional capacity in the public and private sector and civil society organizations through the design and implementation of HIV/AIDS policy and programs, with a focus on stigma and discrimination. POLICY continues to work with three key partners on its policy development activities:

- University of Stellenbosch: POLICY will provide training to policy makers and program managers enrolled on the Stellenbosch University Postgraduate Diploma to assist them to design and develop HIV/AIDS workplace policies and programs in their respective workplaces. POLICY also will initiate the development of a curriculum for a new course targeting Chief Executive Officers to develop their leadership capacity in managing HIV/AIDS in the workplace.
- Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA): Through the DPSA, POLICY will provide technical assistance (TA) to five government departments to ensure the effective design and implementation of HIV/AIDS workplace programs in the public service. Technical support will be provided to the DPSA to strengthen the implementation of HIV/AIDS policies and strengthen the skills of departmental HIV/AIDS managers in the public service. POLICY also will provide ongoing assistance to the DPSA to implement its stigma mitigation strategy through training 20 DPSA employees to be trainers.
- Centre for the Study of AIDS, University of Pretoria (CSA): Through the ongoing implementation of the Siyam'kela Project, people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) will be trained to work effectively with media and media practitioners, lobby for PLWHA in stigma mitigation and offer leadership and training on strategies to mitigate HIV/AIDS stigma and discrimination, with a special emphasis on internal stigma. POLICY also will work with media practitioners in HIV/AIDS stigma and train them to develop strategies to influence media representations of HIV/AIDS and PLWHA.

## University of North Carolina: MEASURE Evaluation

### ***Program Areas:***

- Support for Orphans and Vulnerable Children
- Strategic Information

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2004

### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Health
- National Department of Social Development

### ***Provinces:***

- Nation-wide Scope

### **SUMMARY:**

MEASURE carries out a number of activities as part of a larger strategic information strategy with the South African Government (SAG). All activities are implemented at the national level in coordination with the National Departments of Health and Social Development

### **SUPPORT FOR ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN:**

A MEASURE Evaluation Resident Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Advisor will work under the direct day-to-day supervision of the Chief Director of the HIV and AIDS Unit within the Department of Social Development (DSD) to support the development of an M&E component for the DSD, and assist in the operationalization of this plan. In addition, the M&E Advisor will provide program management support and technical assistance to the organization selected to develop a management information system (MIS) to track OVC at district, provincial and national levels. The M&E Advisor will assist the DSD in developing and implementing an M&E strategy to complement their OVC policy framework and will be an integral part of the DSD strategy development process to integrate M&E. Starting with the strategy document, the M&E Advisor will further develop the M&E section into an operational plan and timeline and assist the DSD in implementation of the operational plan. Activities will include development of M&E capacity of staff within the DSD and local partners.

### **STRATEGIC INFORMATION:**

MEASURE Evaluation will provide a broad program of technical assistance and other targeted project support to Emergency Plan partners to improve the quality, availability and use of strategic information in South Africa. The overall activity objective of Measure Evaluation Phase II is to improve the collection, analysis and presentation of data to promote use in planning, policy-making, managing, monitoring and evaluating the South Africa Emergency Plan program. The approach to capacity building is individualized and continuous; each partner's experience in receiving technical assistance will be unique. MEASURE Evaluation also will utilize multiple strategies for increasing SI demand, availability and utilization among Emergency Plan partners by funding and managing a data warehouse and collaborative workgroup web server.

## University of Pretoria: MRC Unit

### ***Program Areas:***

- Strategic Information

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2005

### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Health

### ***Provinces:***

- Nation-wide Scope

### **SUMMARY:**

University of Pretoria/MRC Unit's project is a PMTCT monitoring project, aimed at improving the quality of PMTCT service delivery. During 2005, the foundations for the Child Health Care Problem Identification Program (CHPIP) project were laid using Emergency Plan funding. 2006 funding will be used to continue support for monitoring the impact of managing HIV-infected pregnant women and PMTCT on perinatal and infant mortality, as well as the impact of cotrimoxazole prophylaxis and antiretroviral treatment (ART) on HIV-infected children. The MRC unit works in collaboration with the National Department of Health, Child Health Directorate.

### **BACKGROUND:**

HIV infection has a major impact on the mortality of fetuses, infants and children. Perinatal mortality in South Africa is currently monitored by the Perinatal Problem Identification Programme (PIIP). Prior to 2005, information on the causes of deaths of children was not routinely collected, and there was no way to determine the impact of PMTCT. However, with 2005 Emergency Plan funding, and in collaboration with the National Department of Health (NDOH), the PIIP system was updated to include fields for ART during pregnancy, cotrimoxazole prophylaxis in the first six weeks after birth, and infant feeding information. These updates will allow NDOH to determine the number of children dying from HIV related infections, as well as provide an indirect proxy for PMTCT impact. Health Care Workers were trained in using the PIIP monitoring system. 2005 Emergency Plan funding also was used to implement a new hospital-based audit system of child deaths – CHPIP -- in 18 sites around South Africa. Analysis of the first six months of data from seven pilot sites indicated that 62% of child deaths under five years of age are related to HIV infections. Although the purpose of CHPIP is to monitor child deaths, particularly as they relate to HIV, the CHPIP enables hospitals to identify preventable causes of deaths as they relate to the health system and to the community and identify strategies to address these. Pediatricians from these sites were trained in the use of CHPIP, and how the data obtained from the program can feed back into the program to improve quality of care and prevent mortality of children. CHPIP will be used to monitor children born to mothers in the PMTCT program, and ensure that they receive appropriate care and referrals.

### **STRATEGIC INFORMATION:**

2006 funding will be used to continue supporting CHPIP implementation around the country, to compile the data from the 18 sites and generate a report that can be used to improve quality of care given to HIV-infected infants and children, and to continue establishing links with NDOH to expand the project to other facilities.

## **University Research Corporation: Increasing Access to CT**

### ***Program Areas:***

- HIV Counseling and Testing

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2006

### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Health

### ***Provinces:***

- Nation-wide Scope

## **HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING:**

URC will provide grants and technical assistance (TA) to local FBOs and CBOs to increase access to community-based CT services, and TA to government health facilities. TA will include needs assessments, continuous quality improvement, and measurement and monitoring of results and outcomes, to equip organizations with the knowledge and skills needed to create demand for CT services, provide quality CT (including program management) and establish referral networks between CT services and available HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, care and support services. Demand for CT and other HIV services will be created through behavior change and social marketing interventions. Increased access to CT services will result from training and supervising CBOs and FBOs to provide facility and mobile CT services on their own or in partnership with Department of Health facilities.

This is a new project, sites for which are to be determined in close collaboration with the National Department of Health.

## **US Agency for International Development: Support for Department of Social Development**

### ***Program Areas:***

- Support for Orphans and Vulnerable Children

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2006

### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Social Development

### ***Provinces:***

- Nation-wide Scope

## **SUPPORT FOR ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN:**

The National Department of Social Development has requested Emergency Plan support for a nationwide conference on OVC from June 4-7 in Gauteng. The theme of the conference is

“strengthening coordinated action for orphans and other children made vulnerable by HIV and AIDS.” This will be a follow up to a 2002 conference: “A Call to Action for Children Affected by HIV and AIDS.” The 2006 conference will launch the Policy Framework and the National Action Plan for OVC, strengthen coordinating mechanisms and promote good practice on psychosocial support to OVC.

## **US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: HIV Services for STI Patients**

### ***Program Areas:***

- PMTCT
- HIV Prevention
- Counseling and Testing

### ***Project Initiation:***

- 2006

### ***Government Linkages:***

- National Department of Health

### ***Provinces:***

- Nation-wide Scope

## **SUMMARY:**

The Emergency Plan will support three independent activities targeting high risk populations of patients with sexually transmitted infection (STI). Projects all are national in scope, and specific implementing sites will be selected in collaboration with the National Department of Health.

1. The CDC’s Division of Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention will evaluate existing program data to understand the barriers to the effective implementation of the national maternal syphilis screening and treatment policy in existing PMTCT and antenatal care (ANC) programs in South Africa;
2. The CDC will oversee the development of an HIV prevention video that will target HIV-positive individuals of reproductive age who are attending STI clinics, are being treated for an STI, or whose partners are HIV-positive or have another STI;
3. The CDC’s Division of Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention will use Emergency Plan funds to initiate high quality HIV Counseling and Testing (CT) services into existing sexually transmitted infection (STI) clinical services. Implementing sites will be selected in collaboration with the National STI Reference Center and the National Department of Health.

## **PMTCT:**

Preliminary data from southern Africa support the observation that HIV mother-to-child (MTC) transmission is higher among women co-infected with syphilis than among women without syphilis, even in the presence of effective ARV prophylaxis for neonates. Thus, untreated maternal syphilis appears to lead not only to congenital syphilis, but also to increased HIV infection for infants. The fact that inexpensive, easy-to-use syphilis screening tests exist, and that effective treatment (intramuscular penicillin) is inexpensive and universally available on national essential drug formularies, suggest that this HIV prevention strategy could be improved if the

systems and other barriers to effective syphilis screening and treatment were understood and, when possible, modified. In South Africa, national guidelines have recommended universal syphilis testing as part of routine care for ANC attendees for many years. However, a 2002 survey of ANC clinics in South Africa found only four (29%) of 14 clinics had a functioning testing system for syphilis. Patient transportation was the single most important obstacle to testing.

Specific activities for which Emergency Plan funding will be used will include:

- A meeting of local/national and other donors involved in ANC and PMTCT HIV and syphilis screening to coordinate efforts and information.
- Two nurses will be hired to review program data from selected existing PMTCT and ANC programs, visit selected sites, and discuss system barriers and facilitators.
- One person will be hired to conduct data entry and simple analyses of chart review data.
- A report will be developed outlining needs assessment results and recommending next steps.

### **HIV PREVENTION:**

Clinical facilities serving HIV-positive patients and other sexually transmitted infections (STI) are often busy settings where patients wait for a long period of time to receive care. This waiting time is an opportunity to educate patients on the means of preventing HIV or other STI transmission to themselves or their partners – ideally through methods, such as educational videos, that do not require clinical staff to be present. Few educational videotapes exist that provide correct prevention information in a culturally acceptable manner for South Africa, and especially for youth. This activity will develop a brief, animated videotape that provides HIV/STI prevention information for a young, at-risk audience. A variety of HIV/STI prevention information will be covered including the effectiveness of abstinence and being faithful; the importance of knowing a partner's HIV status; ensuring partner notification and treatment if exposed to a curable STI; and providing information about use and effectiveness of condoms. Emergency Plan funding will be used to identify specific educational needs including acceptable means of communication by reviewing existing information and conducting (if necessary) focus groups with target populations; and to develop, disseminate, and evaluate the video's acceptability and use among these target groups. In addition three targeted condom service outlets will be established. The proposed educational video will be shown at public HIV outpatient and STI clinics and will also be made available to other interested organizations.

### **COUNSELING AND TESTING:**

People with newly diagnosed STIs are at greatly increased risk for contracting other STIs, including HIV. The STI diagnostic encounter with these high-risk patients provides healthcare workers an opportunity to encourage CT for HIV, provide health/prevention education, and (if HIV-positive) refer to life-extending antiretroviral therapy (ART). The proposed approach is to normalize CT through sensitizing healthcare providers and offering a simple and effective CT model that has been used effectively in STI clinics and other settings internationally. The model employs confidentiality and a respectful approach to reduce stigma and discrimination while promoting HIV testing. It is assumed that the program will scale up and allow these tools/curricula to become widely available in South Africa.

A program needs assessment will be completed to identify current barriers to routine CT in the facility and the community. Based on the results of this assessment, a simple and effective HIV CT model that has been used successfully internationally will be adapted to the South African context and facility/setting. All facility providers will be encouraged to take a short training course to promote their understanding and encouragement of routine HIV testing for all patients

with new or suspected STIs. HIV CT will be promoted as an expected norm in this clinical situation. Providers will also be instructed to ask all patients to see the HIV counselor as part of their routine care. The counselors (staff trained in CT by the project) will provide prevention counseling that strongly encourages HIV testing and uses a goal-setting approach to reduce high risk behavior. The project will develop systems to collect, analyze, and disseminate program data on test uptake, receipt of test results, effectiveness of the referral system, and quality of counseling.

## V. Free State Implementation Sites by Program Areas

### PMTCT

Implementing Partner	Sub-Partner	Implementation Site	City / Town
Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation		To be Determined (4 sites)	

### HIV PREVENTION

Implementing Partner	Sub-Partner	Implementation Site	City / Town
American Center for International Labor Solidarity	South African Clothing and Textile Workers' Union	Central – Site 01 (Primary site)	Botshabelo
American Center for International Labor Solidarity	South African Clothing and Textile Workers' Union	Central – Site 02 (Secondary site)	Witsieshoek
Fresh Ministries			Clocolan
Fresh Ministries			Clocolan
Fresh Ministries			Clocolan
Fresh Ministries			Ladybrand
Fresh Ministries			Mangaung
Fresh Ministries			Phahameng
Fresh Ministries		St Marks	St Andrews
Fresh Ministries			Viljoenskroon
Fresh Ministries			Welkom
John Snow, Inc.	Free State Provincial Department of Health	Attic Bloemfontien	Bloemfontein
John Snow, Inc.	Free State Provincial Department of Health	Boshof Clinic	Boshof
John Snow, Inc.	Free State Provincial Department of Health	Botshabelo Hospital	Botshabelo
John Snow, Inc.	Free State Provincial Department of Health	Phuthuloha District Hospital	Ficksburg
John Snow, Inc.	Free State Provincial Department of Health	Harrismith Thebe Hospital	Harrismith
John Snow, Inc.	Free State Provincial Department of Health	Itumeleng Clinic	Jagersfontein
John Snow, Inc.	Free State Provincial Department of Health	Ethembeni Clinic	Koffiefontein
John Snow, Inc.	Free State Provincial Department of Health	Moqhaka Aids Consortium	Kroonstad
John Snow, Inc.	Free State Provincial Department of Health	Parys Hospital	Parys
John Snow, Inc.	Free State Provincial Department of Health	Attic Tshwaranang	Phuthaditjhaba
John Snow, Inc.	Free State Provincial Department of Health	Vrede Hospital	Vrede
John Snow, Inc.	Free State Provincial Department of Health	Attic Welkom	Welkom



Implementing Partner	Sub-Partner	Implementation Site	City / Town
John Snow, Inc.	Free State Provincial Department of Health	Lesedi-Lechabile Project	Welkom
John Snow, Inc.	Free State Provincial Department of Health	Matlekeng Clinic	Zastron
Johns Hopkins University Health Communication Partnership	Applied Broadcast Centre (ABC) Ulwazi	Mosupatsela CR	Botshabelo
Johns Hopkins University Health Communication Partnership	Applied Broadcast Centre (ABC) Ulwazi	Setsoto CR	Ficksburg
Johns Hopkins University Health Communication Partnership	Applied Broadcast Centre (ABC) Ulwazi	Qwa-Qwa	Phuthaditjhaba
Johns Hopkins University Health Communication Partnership	DramAidE	OUVS	Phuthaditjhaba
Johns Hopkins University Health Communication Partnership	DramAidE	OUVS	University of the Free State
Johns Hopkins University Health Communication Partnership	Mindset	Botshabelo MPC Clinic	Botshabelo
Johns Hopkins University Health Communication Partnership	Mindset	Thusong Clinic	Manguang
Johns Hopkins University Health Communication Partnership	Mindset	Namahadi Clinic	Namahadi
Johns Hopkins University Health Communication Partnership	Mindset	Zamdela Clinic	Zamdela
National Department of Correctional Services		Correctional Facilities	(Throughout Province)
National Department of Education		Schools	(Throughout Province)
SA National Defence Force		Military Facilities	
The Salvation Army		Mangaung Corps	Mangaung
The Salvation Army		Phuthaditjhaba Corps	Phuthaditjhaba

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Implementing Partner	Sub-Partner	Implementation Site	City / Town
CARE USA	Lesedi Educare Association	Between Bloemfontein and Ficksburg, Motheo District, Free State	Westminister
CARE USA	Tshepo Care Givers	Phuthaditjhaba, Thabo Mofutsyane District, Free State	Phuthaditjhaba
CARE USA	World Vision for Khauhelo Area Development Program	Botshabelo, Mangaung Municipality, Motheo District, Free State	Botshabelo
Child Welfare South Africa		Phuthaditjhaba	Phuthaditjhaba
Child Welfare South Africa		Virginia	Virginia

Implementing Partner	Sub-Partner	Implementation Site	City / Town
Johns Hopkins University Health Communication Partnership	DramAidE	OUPS	Phuthaditjhaba
Johns Hopkins University Health Communication Partnership	DramAidE	OUPS	University of the Free State
Save the Children UK		Nketoana Municipality Wards 1 - 9	Arlington
Save the Children UK		Dihlabeng Municipality Wards 1 -5 & 11 - 15	Bethlehem
Save the Children UK		Dihlabeng Municipality Wards 1 -5 & 11 - 15	Clarens
Save the Children UK		Setoto Municipality wards Wards 1 - 16	Clocolan
Save the Children UK		Setoto Municipality wards Wards 1 - 16	Ficksburg
Save the Children UK		Dihlabeng Municipality Wards 1 -5 & 11 - 15	Fouriesburg
Save the Children UK		Maluti a Phofung Municipality wards 1 – 34	Harrismith
Save the Children UK		Maluti a Phofung Municipality wards 1 – 34	Kestell
Save the Children UK		Nketoana Municipality Wards 1 - 9	Lindley
Save the Children UK		Setoto Municipality wards Wards 1 - 16	Marquard
Save the Children UK		Dihlabeng Municipality Wards 1 -5 & 11 - 15	Paul Roux
Save the Children UK		Nketoana Municipality Wards 1 - 9	Petrus Steyn
Save the Children UK		Maluti a Phofung Municipality wards 1 – 34	Phuthaditjhaba
Save the Children UK		Nketoana Municipality Wards 1 - 9	Reitz
Save the Children UK		Dihlabeng Municipality Wards 1 -5 & 11 - 15	Rosendal
Save the Children UK		Setoto Municipality wards Wards 1 - 16	Senekal
Starfish	Heartbeat (HB)	Botshabelo	Botshabelo
The Salvation Army		Mangaung Corps	Mangaung
The Salvation Army		Phuthaditjhaba Corps	Phuthaditjhaba
US Department of State Small Grants Fund		Thusanong Children's Haven	Wepener

## HIV COUNSELING & TESTING

Implementing Partner	Sub-Partner	Implementation Site	City / Town
Academy for Educational Development		Love life -Botshabelo	Botshabelo
Academy for Educational Development		Kgothlang health awareness group	Frankfort
Academy for Educational Development		NAPWA	Kroonstad
Academy for Educational Development		Boikitlaetso	Odendaalsrus

Implementing Partner	Sub-Partner	Implementation Site	City / Town
Academy for Educational Development		Free state- association	Parys
Academy for Educational Development		Fadimah HIV/AIDS organisation	RefengKgotso
Academy for Educational Development		Vryoenskroon hospice	Viljoenskroon
Academy for Educational Development		Monyakeng AIDS support group	Wesselsbron
American Center for International Labor Solidarity	South African Clothing and Textile Workers' Union	Central – Site 01 (Primary site)	Botshabelo
American Center for International Labor Solidarity	South African Clothing and Textile Workers' Union	Central – Site 02 (Secondary site)	Witsieshoek
Aurum Institute for Health Research		Bophelong Medical Centre	Welkom
Family Health International: CTR	Project Support Association - South Africa (PSA-SA)	Masakhane HBC	Bloemfontein
Family Health International: Impact	Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference	Siyathokoza Botshabelo: Bloemfontein	Botshabelo
Higher Education HIV/AIDS Program (HEAIDS)		University of the Free State	University of the Free State
Johns Hopkins University Health Communication Partnership	DramAidE	OUVS	Phuthaditjhaba
Johns Hopkins University Health Communication Partnership	DramAidE	OUVS	University of the Free State
Johns Hopkins University Health Communication Partnership	Mindset	Botshabelo MPC Clinic	Botshabelo
Johns Hopkins University Health Communication Partnership	Mindset	Thusong Clinic	Manguang
Johns Hopkins University Health Communication Partnership	Mindset	Namahadi Clinic	Namahadi
Johns Hopkins University Health Communication Partnership	Mindset	Zamdela Clinic	Zamdela
National Department of Correctional Services		Correctional Facilities	(Throughout Province)
SA National Defence Force		Military Facilities	

## HIVCARE & SUPPORT

Implementing Partner	Sub-Partner	Implementation Site	City / Town
American Center for International Labor Solidarity	South African Clothing and Textile Workers' Union	Central – Site 01 (Primary site)	Botshabelo
American Center for International Labor Solidarity	South African Clothing and Textile Workers' Union	Central – Site 02 (Secondary site)	Witsieshoek
Aurum Institute for Health Research		Bophelong Medical Centre	Welkom
Catholic Relief Services	Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference	Good Samaritan Bethulie	Bethulie
Catholic Relief Services	Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference	Archdiocese of Bloemfontein - Siyathokoza	Botshabelo
Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation		To be Determined (4 sites)	
Family Health International: CTR	Project Support Association - South Africa (PSA-SA)	Masakhane HBC	Bloemfontein
Hospice and Palliative Care Association		Bethlehem	Bethlehem
Hospice and Palliative Care Association		Bethulie	Bethulie
Hospice and Palliative Care Association		Bloemfontein	Bloemfontein
Hospice and Palliative Care Association		Botshabelo	Botshabelo
Hospice and Palliative Care Association		Bloemfontein	Fichardt Park
Hospice and Palliative Care Association		Ladybrand	Ladybrand
Hospice and Palliative Care Association		Odendaalsrus	Odendaalsrus
Hospice and Palliative Care Association		Parys	Parys
Hospice and Palliative Care Association		Smithfield	Smithfield
Hospice and Palliative Care Association		Viljoenskroon	Viljoenskroon
Hospice and Palliative Care Association		Virginia	Virginia
Hospice and Palliative Care Association		Welkom	Welkom
National Department of Correctional Services		Correctional Facilities	(Throughout Province)
SA National Defence Force		Military Facilities	
SA National Defence Force		Military Facilities	
The Salvation Army		Mangaung Corps	Mangaung
The Salvation Army		Phuthaditjhaba Corps	Phuthaditjhaba

## TB/HIV

Implementing Partner	Sub-Partner	Implementation Site	City / Town
Aurum Institute for Health Research		Bophelong Medical Centre	Welkom

## HIV TREATMENT

Implementing Partner	Sub-Partner	Implementation Site	City / Town
Aurum Institute for Health Research		Bophelong Medical Centre	Welkom
Catholic Relief Services	Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference	Good Samaritan Bethulie	Bethulie
Catholic Relief Services	Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference	Archdiocese of Bloemfontein - Siyathokoza	Botshabelo
Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation		To be Determined (4 sites)	
Family Health International: CTR	Project Support Association - South Africa (PSA-SA)	Masakhane HBC	Bloemfontein
HIVCARE	Medicross Medical Centre Bloemfontein	Medicross Bloemfontein	Bloemfontein
John Snow, Inc.	Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	Good Samaritan Bethulie	Bethulie
John Snow, Inc.	Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	Siyathokoza	Botshabelo
Johns Hopkins University Health Communication Partnership	Mindset	Botshabelo MPC Clinic	Botshabelo
Johns Hopkins University Health Communication Partnership	Mindset	Thusong Clinic	Manguang
Johns Hopkins University Health Communication Partnership	Mindset	Namahadi Clinic	Namahadi
Johns Hopkins University Health Communication Partnership	Mindset	Zamdela Clinic	Zamdela
Management Sciences for Health: RPM+		Universitas Hospital	Bloemfontein
SA National Defence Force		Military Facilities	

## STRATEGIC INFORMATION

Implementing Partner	Sub-Partner	Implementation Site	City / Town
Medical Research Council: CHIP		National District Hopsital	Bloemfontein
Medical Research Council: CHIP		Metsimaholo Hospital	Sasolburg Hospital
National Department of Correctional Services		Correctional Facilities	(Throughout Province)
SA National Defence Force		Military Facilities	

## SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING

Implementing Partner	Sub-Partner	Implementation Site	City / Town
National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors		Provincial Department of Health AIDS Directorate	